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Choose Your New Hair Styles From These Pictures

There is practically nothing that women won't put on their head, from a dinner plate to an old shoe, and call it a hat.

But when it comes to tampering with their curls, that is something else again.

After all, if the worst comes to the worst—that is to say if your husband or best beau refuses to do his duty by you in that sort of disguise, you can always give the hat away to your dearest friend.



Little Ann Rutherford, leading lady in "Of Human Hearts," looks sweet enough to eat with her dark curls up aloft.

But there's no knowing how long hair may take to grow out.

In spite of all the prating of the fashion magazines about the tendency of chic Parisiennes to adopt the upward coiffure this season, it simply doesn't take.

Excuse given is that it makes a girl look older (which is a poor excuse if ever I've heard one).

The real reason is that it is tricky to handle and most women have neither the time nor the money to pay a daily visit to a hairdresser.

When Danielle Darrieux's French-made picture, "Mayerling," ran ten consecutive weeks in Hollywood, her hair, piled in curls on top of her head, drew many a now-that's-really-something from the blasé Hollywood male.

She looked like a little girl on her way to the bath.

She looked, if I may quote some of the more romantic-minded young men, like a rosebud with the dew still fresh upon it.

The hair styles on this page belong to Ginger Rogers (right), Ann Rutherford (left) and Danielle Darrieux (below).



Ginger Rogers has never looked more beautiful than she will look in "Vivacious Lady."



If there's one evening when you feel that anything may happen (and you're going to take good care to see that it does), clutch this picture of Danielle in your hot little hand and take it along to your hairdresser.



Well-brushed—shiny—and soignée—her head is ready for the most critical eye. All without being too much trouble.

And here's a hint. If you're letting your short bob grow for curls, do it this way. Then you won't have any bother with straggly ends.



If you're on the small side—we don't advise you to choose this style. It's ideal for the tall girl, who can wear rather severe clothes and still look feminine. A skull cap or halo hat is the best thing in headgear to go with this upward style.

And you could do this "set" yourself.



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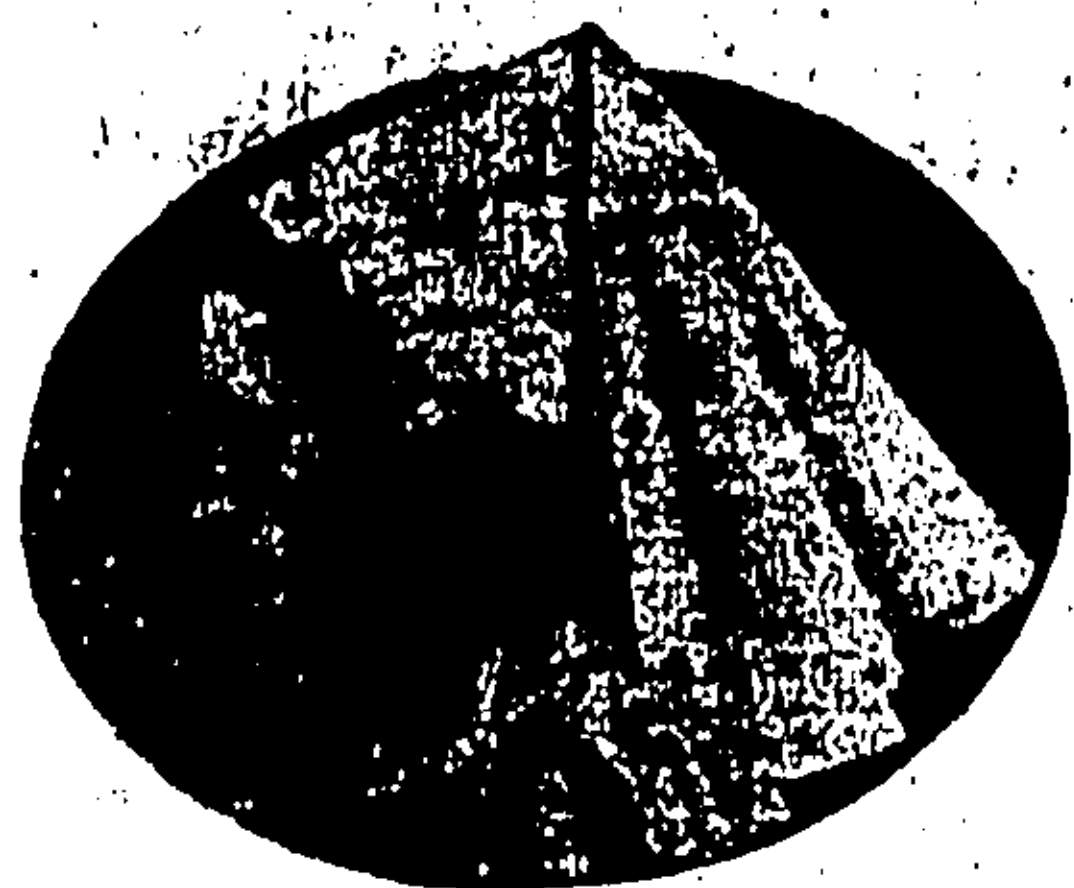
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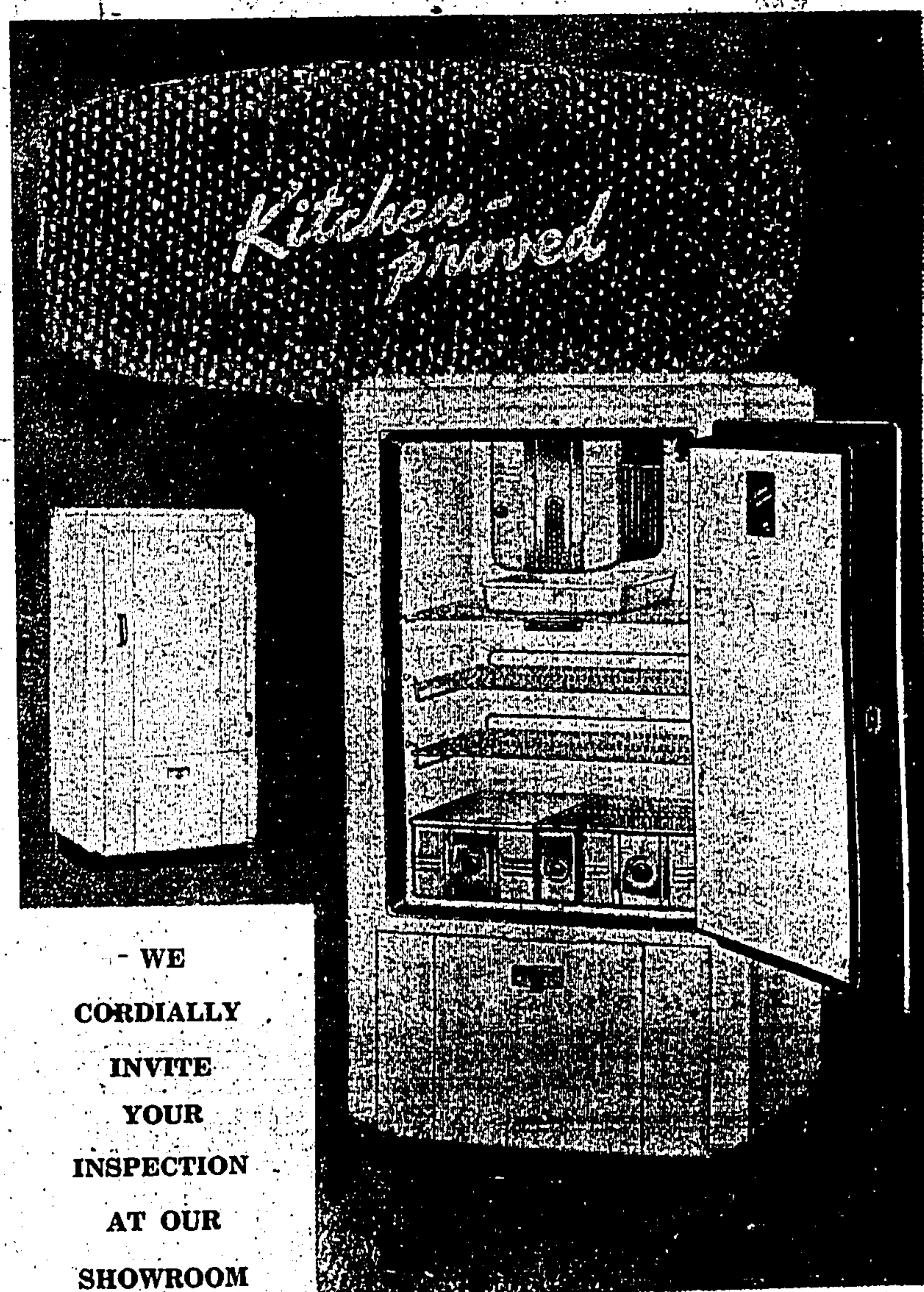
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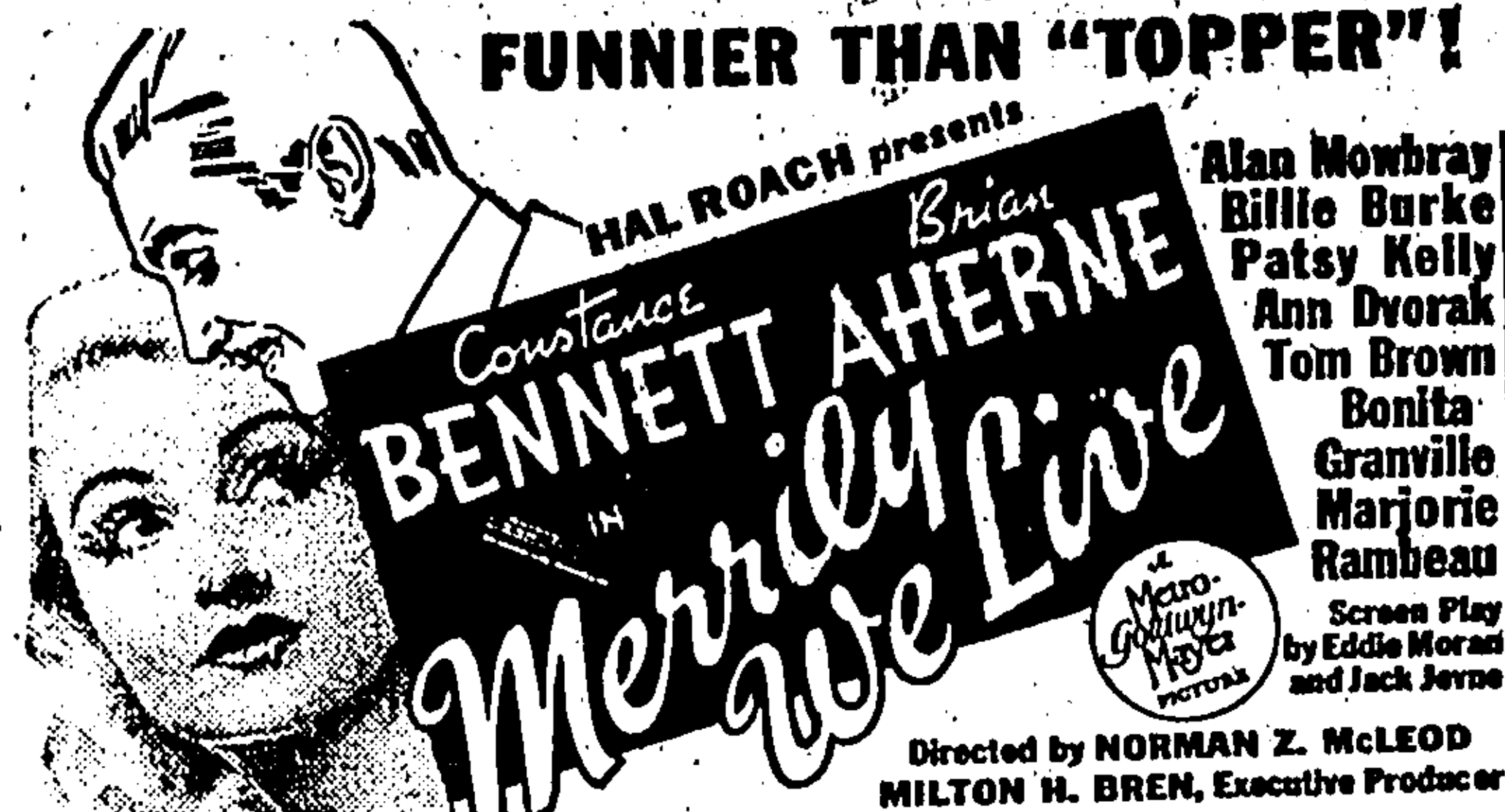
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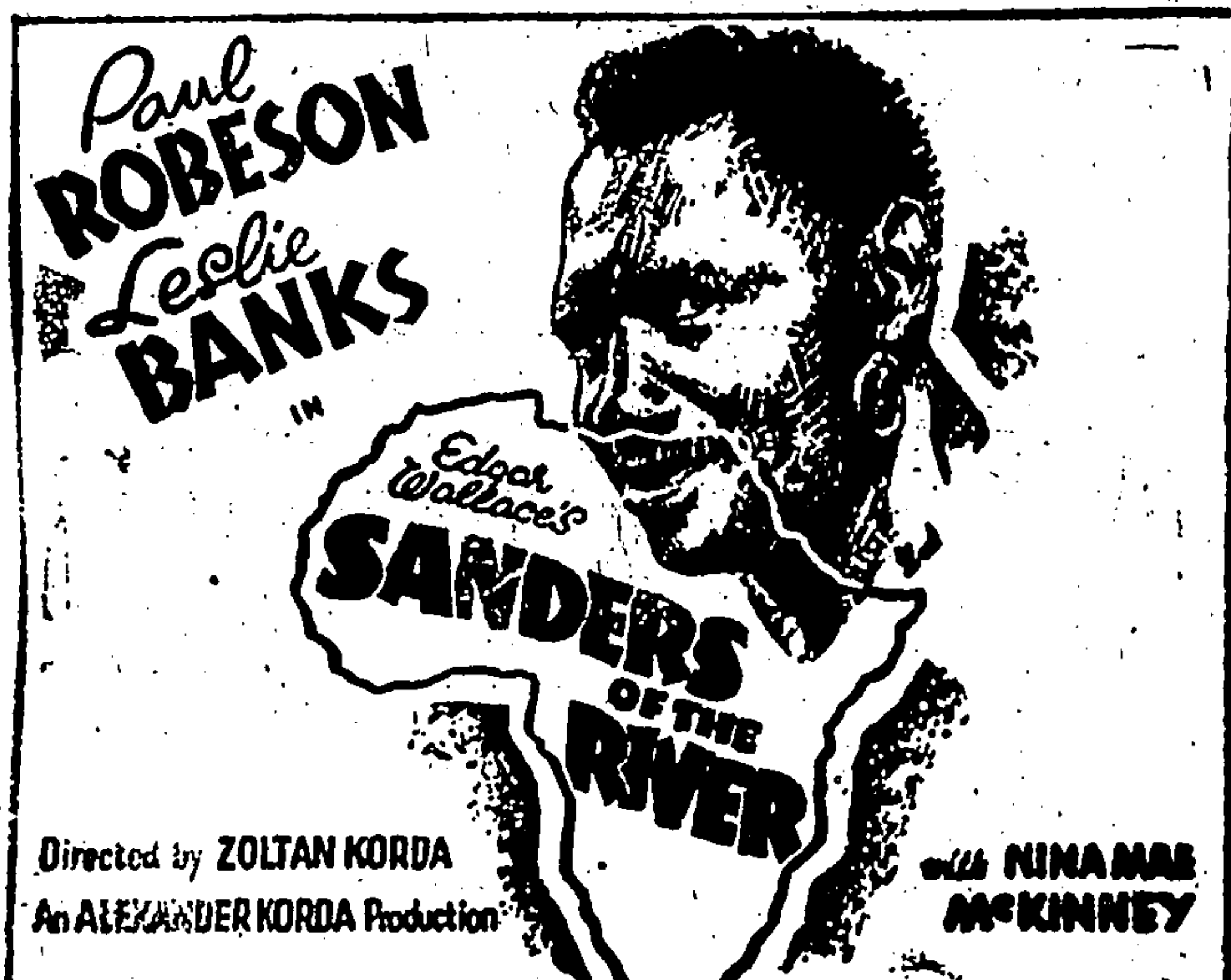
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The office-boy and his alleged confederates, 35-year-old Leung Po, and a 16-year-old Chinese girl, Au Yeung Sau-chun, were arraigned before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions this morning, facing seven charges in connection with the prosecution alleged, this "extremely ingenious fraud."

The office-boy, through his counsel, Mr. D. J. N. Anderson, admitted stealing a blank cheque and forging it, but denied that there was a conspiracy between himself and second accused to defraud the bank.

Second accused, who was also represented by Mr. Anderson, pleaded not guilty to charges of uttering a forged cheque, obtaining \$14,000 by a forged cheque, and receiving stolen property. Third accused denied that she received part of the stolen money.

CROWN CASE

Outlining the case, Crown Counsel, Mr. E. H. Williams stated that on March 28 last at about 10 a.m. a man, alleged to be second accused, entered the Overseas Chinese Banking Corporation and tendered a bearer cheque for \$14,000. The cheque purported to have been signed by one Ping Y. Chang, made payable to Li Fong.

The amount was paid to this man in \$500 bank-notes, but later in the afternoon, after first accused had disappeared, it was discovered that the cheque was a forgery and had not passed through the necessary channels.

Crown Counsel explained that a cheque before cashed must necessarily bear the signatures or initials of the ledger clerk, current accounts' clerk, sub-accountant and assistant manager on it, but this forged cheque for \$14,000 did not pass through the hand of these four persons although the supposed initials were on it, for there was no entry in the ledger book, nor was there any entry in the special book kept for cheques over \$5,000.

LIVED TOGETHER

First accused had been employed since April last and his duties were to take documents and cheques from one bank official to another.

The Crown alleged that first accused was the inside person responsible, in a large way, for the ingenious fraud.

First and second accused lived together in the same house about six years ago and during the past six months had been seen frequently together. Third accused, stated Mr. Williams, visited first accused at the bank quite often.

In the afternoon before the fraud was discovered, first accused disappeared, but in the drawer of his desk were found pieces of paper which showed that he had been practising the initials necessary to have a cheque passed and also the name of Ping Y. Chang, whose signature was forged on the cheque.

SAMPAN ARRESTS

Second accused was arrested on March 29, and first and third on March 31 in a sampan in the Aberdeen Harbour.

In the lining of one of her shoes were found two \$500 notes. Eleven similar notes were found in her right stocking, six in her left stocking, and five in her jacket pocket.

She claimed that the money had been forced on her.

The case is continuing.

**APOSTOLIC
NUNCIO
TO FRANCO**

Rome, To-day.

Pope Pius XI has appointed Monsignore Gaetano Cicognani, the Archbishop of Ancara, as Apostolic Nuncio to the insurgent Spanish Government.

As already reported, Senor Yanguas Y Messia has been appointed by the Insurgent Spanish Government as Ambassador and Plenipotentiary to the Holy See.—Trans-Ocean.

**ARAB RULERS
AND POLICY IN
PALESTINE**

JERUSALEM, TO-DAY.

THE THREE KINGS OF THE ARAB STATES OF IRAQ, SAUDI-ARABIA AND YEMEN HAVE ADDRESSED A FURTHER MEMORANDUM TO LONDON DEMANDING, ACCORDING TO THE ARAB NEWSPAPER "ADDIFAEA," AN IMMEDIATE ACTION TO BRING ABOUT A CHANGE IN THE SITUATION IN PALESTINE.

All three Arab rulers it is stated, see themselves placed in a critical position with respect to their people owing to the fact that it was through their intervention that the big Arab general strike in Palestine in the year 1936 was called off.

It was done so on the promise of the British Government that a greater regard would be paid to Arab interests in Palestine.

In the meanwhile the Arab resistance to the British measures in Palestine is constantly growing, according to reports issued yesterday by the British police authorities. In five cases the telegraph wire were severed and the telegraph posts cut down.—Trans-Ocean.

**IRAQ CABINET
TROUBLES**

CAIRO, TO-DAY.

A CRISIS HAS BROKEN OUT IN THE IRAQ GOVERNMENT ACCORDING TO DESPATCHES FROM BAGDAD TO EGYPTIAN NEWSPAPERS.

A cleavage of opinion is said to have occurred in the Iraq Cabinet over the question of the future of the Shatt El Arab oil concessions.

The Minister for Economic Affairs and Communications is said to have threatened to resign owing to the standpoint adopted in this matter by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Although the Prime Minister has succeeded in inducing the Minister for Economic Affairs to remain in office, it appears from later reports that difficult days are in store for his Government.—Trans-Ocean.

**M. CORBIN GOES TO
PARIS**

Paris, To-day.

The French Ambassador in London, M. Charles Corbin, is at present in Paris for reporting purposes.

Yesterday he had a conversation with the Foreign Minister M. Georges Bonnet, just returned from Geneva, about the reactions of the meeting of the League Council, on the Spanish conflict and on the progress of the Franco-Italian negotiations.

It is believed that M. Corbin informed the Foreign Minister also of the London conversations regarding the Sudeten German problem.—Trans-Ocean.

The Rev. D. Donnelly, of Wah Yan College, has reported the loss of text books and a fountain pen from the school.

BRITAIN'S INTERVENTION IN SUDETEN GERMAN CLAIMS IN PRAGUE

London, To-day.

Questions addressed in the Commons to the Prime Minister on the representations by the British Minister in Prague on the Sudeten Deutsch problem were answered by the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs as Mr. Chamberlain was confined to his room at No. 10, Downing Street, by gout.

Mr. Butler said:

"His Majesty's representative in Prague has had conversations with the Czechoslovak President of Council and the Minister for Foreign Affairs about this question. His Majesty's Government have not suggested to the Czechoslovak Government any particular measures or concessions, but have urged the desirability, with which the Czechoslovak Government is in full agreement, of doing everything in their power to further an agreed settlement of the problem.

BERLIN TALKS

Discussion has also taken place between the German Foreign Minister and His Majesty's Ambassador in Berlin. Matters have not yet reached a stage when I can usefully make a further statement."

Asked then by Mr. Arthur Henderson (Labour): "Will the Government give no support to any concession which will destroy in effect the defence of Czechoslovakia?"

Mr. Butler replied: "I have stated that we have not suggested to the Czechoslovak Government any particular measure of concession or to the Czechoslovak Government the nature of their foreign policy

NO REPLY

The Under-Secretary also returned no reply to the Liberal Leader. Sir Archibald Sinclair when the latter asked: "Do the Government realise in making these representations at Prague they are assuming a heavy work of responsibility?"

In another answer, Mr. Butler referred to the private visit to London at the end of last week of Herr Henlein whom, he said, had not been received by any member of the government. In particular, the report of a meeting between the Dominions Secretary and Herr Henlein was without foundation.

The leader of the Sudeten Deutsche Party did not visit the Foreign Office either.

Asked if Herr Henlein had not seen Sir Robert Vansittart, Mr. Butler replied: "I understand Herr Henlein met Sir Robert with whom he was already acquainted, on a purely private occasion." — British Wireless.

SECRET SOCIETY ARRESTS IN LEBANON

Damascus, To-day.

Reports here state that the Lebanese police arrested early yesterday morning in Beirut the ring-leader of a secret society whose aim is said to have been abolition of the existing parliamentary form of government.

It is further stated that the police discovered large quantities of arms and explosives and made upwards of forty arrests.

Quiet is stated prevail throughout Lebanon. — Trans-Ocean.

M. HERRIOT'S VISIT TO DAMASCUS

Damascus, To-day.

The President of the French Chamber, M. Edouard Herriot, who left Damascus on Sunday by air for Alexandria where he embarked for France yesterday afternoon on the French liner "Marseille," received shortly before leaving the Syrian capital a memorandum which was presented to him on behalf of the Syrian Parliament by the President of the Syrian Chamber, Phares Khoury.

The memorandum expressed great satisfaction that the Franco-Syrian Treaty had been drawn up and hope of its early ratification.

M. Herriot in his written reply said that owing to a number of very important problems both of international and home policy, with which it had to deal the French government hitherto had been unable to ratify the treaty. Ratification would, however, take place at the earliest possible date.

Mr. Herriot further announced his intention of revisiting Syria during the next French parliamentary recess, probably in September. — Trans-Ocean.

SPANISH WAR

Barcelona, To-day.

The war bulletin of the Republican War Ministry states that no major fighting occurred on the Eastern front yesterday.

On the Levant front the enemy, supported by numerous aeroplanes and many tanks repeatedly attacked the Republican positions on the Mount San Cristobal in the Alepuz sector but was energetically repulsed on each occasion. The Republican troops inflicted heavy losses on the enemy.

The insurgents in the sector of Iglesuela del Cid were likewise repelled. Nothing new is to be reported from other fronts. — Trans-Ocean.

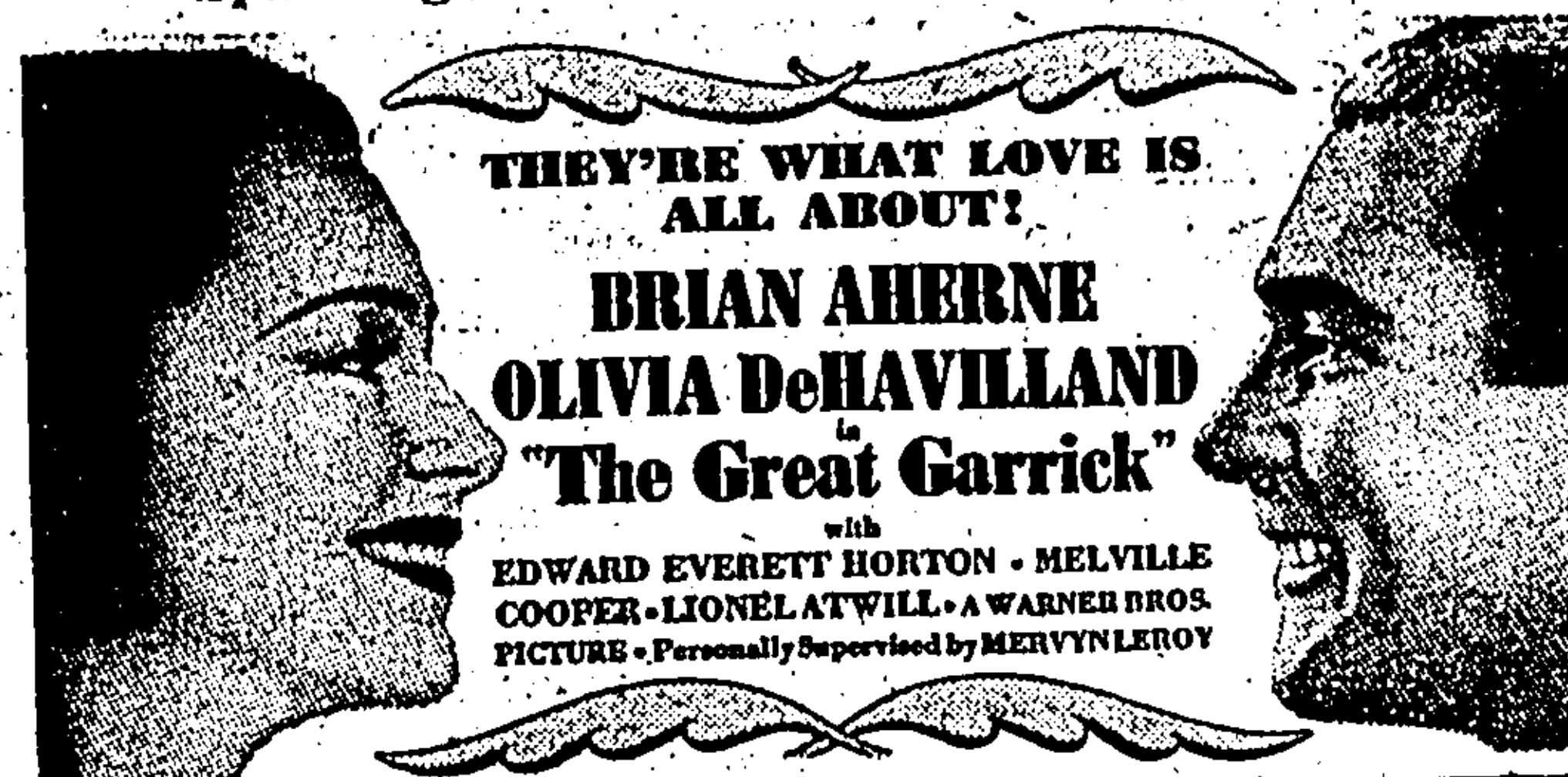
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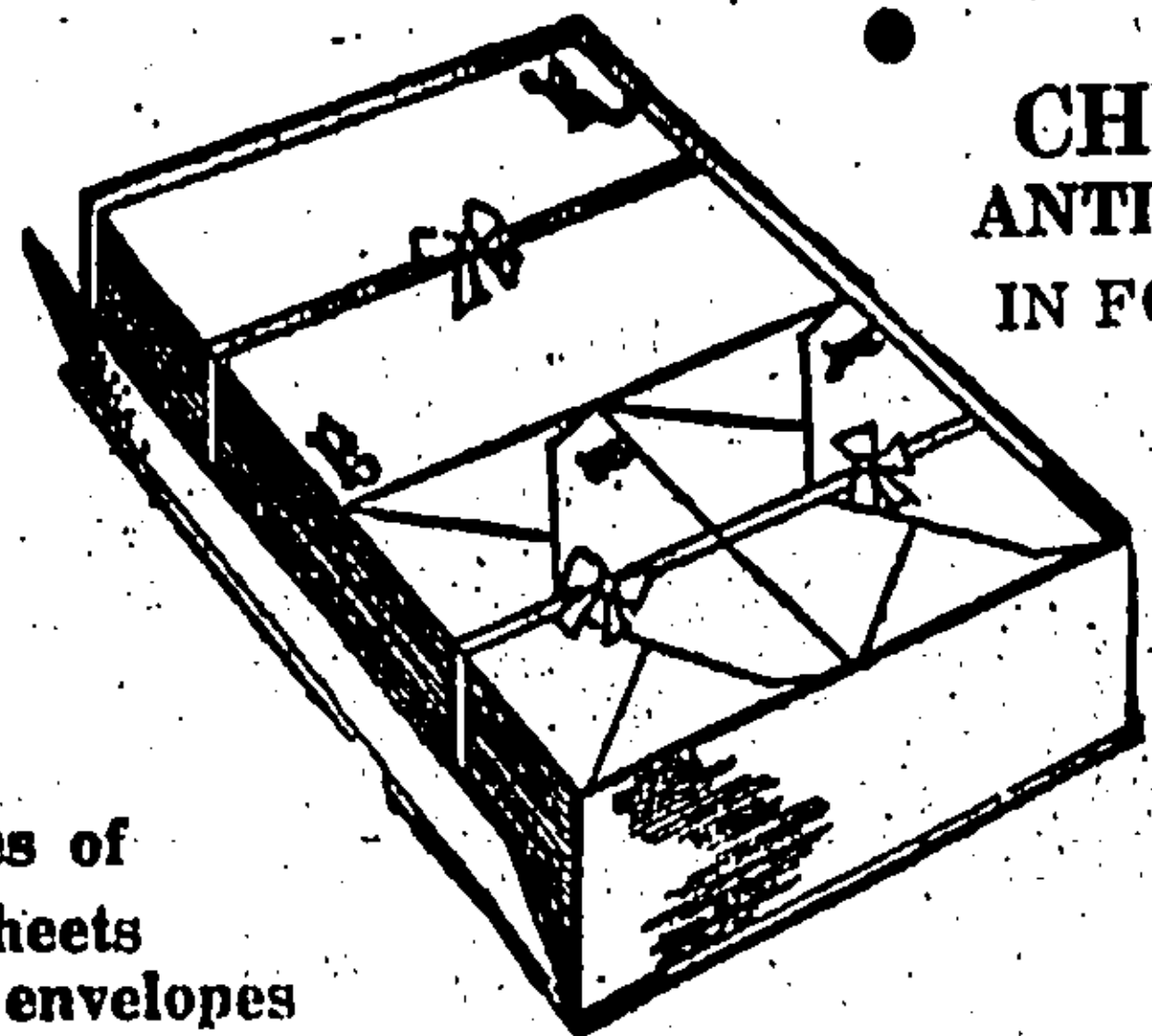
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LORD SWINTON'S LETTER OF RESIGNATION FROM GOVERNMENT

London, To-day.

Allusions to the political difficulties of a Minister in charge of a great spending department being in the House of Lords and being unable to participate in the House of Commons debates, were made in his letter of resignation by Lord Swinton, to the Prime Minister.

Lord Swinton, who is succeeded at the Air Ministry by Sir Kingsley Wood, recalls that he more than once asked Mr. Chamberlain whether a change was desired.

Lord Swinton says that the stage was reached where the disadvantages of interruption, which the Prime Minister wishes to avoid, were greatly reduced.

After outlining the work already accomplished at the Air Ministry, Lord Swinton stated that when the Government decided to accelerate the air rearmament programme, it was possible to give immediate effect to the decision.

TO BE JUDGED LATER

Personnel requirements of the R.A.F. for the next two years, were fully worked out, as were also the training arrangements for a large intake of pilots, airmen and boys.

"I leave my work to be judged later in the light of fuller knowledge than obviously can now be made available," writes Lord Swinton.

Accepting the resignation with sincerest regret, Mr. Chamberlain wrote that the recent decision to accelerate air rearmament "could not have started, as it has done, if you had not prepared in advance plans necessary to carry it out, and this applies to all branches of your work."

PAINFUL

Mr. Chamberlain recognises the truth of the statement that in a great spending department, it is a disadvantage if its head is not in the Commons.

"It is painful to think that our long and fruitful association has come to an end, but I hope you are willing to undertake further public service if the opportunity presents."—Reuter.

PERSONAL CRITICISM

In his letter to the Prime Minister, Lord Swinton says:—

"What does matter is the execution of our programme and the maintenance of public confidence, and I cannot help feeling, in the actual circumstances of the moment I can help these ends, and help you best, by putting you in a position where any personal criticism of myself may no longer prejudice the full achievement of what we have tried to do together. I would, therefore ask you to accept my resignation. I shall always be deeply grateful to you for all your help."

DEEP IMPRESSION

The Premier, in his reply, speaks of the deep impression made on him by the prodigious expansion of the

Royal Air Force and of the country's capacity to produce aircraft, engines, equipment and trained personnel, which Lord Swinton had created by his business ability, and the complete devotion of his time and thought to his task.

He continues, "While responsibility for administration was mainly yours, the programme was from time to time determined by the Cabinet as a whole."

Mr. Chamberlain explains the regret with which he feels bound to recognise the force of the points made by Lord Swinton regarding the disadvantages of the Air Minister being in the Lords and, in accepting his resignation, says he wishes he had in the Cabinet another post, but "you have asked me to release you altogether and I feel I cannot press you further."—British Wireless.

MAJOR DENIES MOTOR OFFENCE

Major M. A. Murphy, China Command Headquarters, was this morning summoned before Mr. H. R. Butters at the Central Magistracy with driving his car at a speed of 36 miles an hour in Hennessy Road at 6 p.m. on May 1.

He was represented by Mr. W. Mackinlay who pleaded not guilty and the case was adjourned till Monday morning. It was stated that Major Murphy would be leaving the Colony soon.

WOMAN FINED IN PASSPORT CASE

Miss Mina Dietrich, of Tientsin, was fined \$25 by Mr. R. Edwards this morning when charged with entering the colony without a valid passport.

Defendant said that she had been told by the British Consul in Tientsin that a visa was not required on her Polish passport. An expulsion order was made.

W. A. Scharffenberg was fined \$8 by Mr. H. R. Butters at the Central Magistracy when he pleaded guilty to a summons for parking his car in Duddell Street on May 2.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S CABINET RE-SHUFFLED

Mr. Malcolm Macdonald At Colonial Office

Sir Kingsley Wood Goes To The Air Ministry

London, To-day.

Considerable re-shuffling of the National Government, necessitated by the resignations of Lord Harlech (formerly Mr. William Ormsby-Gore), Secretary of Colonies, and Lord Swinton, Air Minister, was announced in London yesterday. Lord Stanley, formerly Under-Secretary for India and Burma, becomes Dominions Secretary, Mr. Malcolm Macdonald, formerly Secretary of Dominions, becomes Secretary of State for the Colonies, Sir Kingsley Wood, formerly Minister of Health, goes to the Air Ministry.

Lt-Col. D. J. Colville, formerly Financial Secretary to the Treasury, becomes Secretary for Scotland,

Mr. Walter Elliot, formerly Secretary for Scotland, takes the place of Sir Kingsley Wood at the Ministry of Health, and

Captain Euan Wallace, formerly parliamentary secretary to the Board of Trade, is appointed Financial Secretary to the Treasury.

ANOTHER AIR MINISTRY CHANGE

Changes in Under-Secretaryships are:

Lt-Col. A. J. Muirhead, Under-Secretary for Air, is appointed Under-Secretary for India and Burma, in place of Lord Stanley.

Captain H. H. Balfour becomes Under-Secretary for Air, in place of Lt-Muirhead, and

Mr. R. H. Cross becomes parliamentary secretary to the Board of Trade, in place of Capt. Euan Wallace.—Reuter.

LORD WINTERTON

Lord Harlech resigned on succeeding to the Peerage. The new Air Minister being in the Commons, the post of Deputy Secretary for Air created about two months ago to which Lord Winterton was appointed with a seat in the Cabinet lapses. Lord Winterton, however, will remain in the Cabinet as Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster.

The Duke of Devonshire, formerly Lord Hartington, remains Parliamentary Undersecretary for the Dominions.—British Wireless.

INFLUX OF YOUTH

The effect of the changes, says Trans-Ocean is to restore the balance between the Lords and Commons in the Cabinet and to bring a number of younger politicians into the Cabinet.

Lord Stanley, and Lt-Col Colville are comparatively young men. Incidentally they were both born in the year 1894. Lord Stanley en-

PREMIER SUFFERING FROM GOUT

London, To-day.
Mr. Neville Chamberlain is suffering from a mild attack of gout.

The Prime Minister consequently has postponed his visit to Dundee, where he was to have received the Freedom of the City.—Reuter.

tered the House of Commons as a Conservative when only twenty-three. From 1931 to 1935 he held the post of Parliamentary Secretary to the Admiralty and since 1935 he has acted as Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Dominions.

COL. COLVILLE

Lt-Colonel Colville entered the House in 1929 as Conservative member for Midlothian, and since 1937 has been Financial Secretary to the Treasury.

Captain Harold Balfour, the new Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Air, is also a young man. Born in the year 1897, he has represented the Conservative constituency of Thanet, since 1929, having been returned unopposed at the last election.—Trans-Ocean.

Yu Yuk, of Victoria, was charged before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning with unlawful possession of prepared opium, and with keeping an opium divan. Defendant was fined \$60 or six weeks' hard labour on the first charge and \$100 or two months' hard labour on the second.

MEXICO BREAK WITH BRITAIN SHOCKS

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE SURPRISE AND REGRET OF HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT AT THE DECISION OF THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT CLOSING THE LEGATION IN LONDON WAS EXPRESSED BY THE UNDER-SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN A COMMONS ANSWER.

Mr. Butler said he could not forecast any further action which might be taken but the Government would naturally continue to use their best endeavours to protect the substantial British commercial interests in Mexico.

In his answer, Mr. Butler explained the terms of the British Note of May 11th and the reasons which prompted the references therein to the general state of Mexican indebtedness, both internal and external.

These reasons he reiterated in a reply to a supplementary from the Opposition benches suggesting that there had been a breach of diplomatic decorum but he declined to answer a number of other supplementary questions by a Labour Member except to express the hope that any efforts of His Majesty's Government to secure a settlement with Mexico would be supported in all quarters of the House.—British Wireless.

Mr. R.A. Butler Has Again "Been Informed"

London, To-day.

Mr. A. C. Moreing (Conservative, Preston) asked in the House of Commons yesterday whether the recent appointment of a Superintendent of Customs at Shanghai by Nanking was confirmed by Sir Frederick Maze, the Inspector-General, and whether the appointee will be subordinate to and under the control of the Inspector-General.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied in the negative.

He explained that Superintendents were normally appointed by the Ministry of Finance and were not under the control of the Inspector-General although subordinated to his direction.

SAME PRINCIPLES

Mr. Moreing asked as we did not recognise the "puppet administration at Nanking," we should refuse to recognise the appointment, which may have most dangerous results to our trade in Shanghai.

Mr. Butler answered: "I am informed that the same principle that prevailed before, prevails now."—Reuter.

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A SERIES OF PLEDGES

In 1934 Mr. Baldwin stated that: "This Government will see to it that in air strength and air power this country shall no longer be in a position of inferiority to any country within striking distance of our shores." On November 1 of last year Sir John Simon defined the objective as being "to create and maintain an Air Force which will form an effective deterrent and insurance for peace, and which, in the unhappy event of war, would be able to meet a potential enemy on equal terms."

On March 10 this year the Prime Minister said: "The policy of the Government is to create an Air Force of such character and size as, having regard to all relevant circumstances, including the nature of our war problems and the extent and availability of our aggregated resources, will constitute an effective weapon for our purposes."

These are reasonable words. But the public wishes to know to what extent they are being translated into facts. It is equally important to avoid the extremes of alarmist rumours and undue complacency.

RELATIVE STRENGTHS

Discussions as to whether air parity is definable or how it should be defined do not seem to carry us very far. The practical question would appear to be: Are our plans designed to give us an Air Force of the right size and kind, the most effective for our purpose and equal to any emergency? Are we taking all possible steps to get that Force as quickly as

we can? And is our industry—what has been called our "war potential"—being planned and organised to maintain that Force in the event of war?

It is not easy to obtain accurate estimates of relative air strengths, and Mr. Baldwin was badly misled in this matter. The position is never static and we have not caught up the leeway lost since the War. Nor is it possible to assess what progress other nations will have made in the meantime.

We are told that in our Metropolitan Air Force, which is responsible for Home Defence, there are 1,500 first-line machines, against Germany's first-line strength of 2,500-3,000. We are also given to understand that a certain number of our machines are obsolescent. But two-thirds of our total are being replaced by more modern types, and by March, 1939, we are promised an entirely modern force of 1,750 machines, with full reserves.

FIRST LINE CASUALTIES

As regards productive capacity it is said that as at present organised our maximum output is about 200 machines per month, with an additional 100 per month from the shadow factories when these begin to function at the end of this year. Against this, Germany's production is stated to be 350 per month, with an emergency productive capacity of about 600.

But whatever the actual figures may be, one thing is certain, and that is that England must make a much greater effort if it is to obtain so-called parity in the air, or, as it is better described, an Air Force equal to any emergency.

Here I would interject that parity does not necessarily imply first-line equality in numbers of machines. In fighting between equally matched air forces, it is calculated that first-line casualties will probably average 50 per cent. per month. Even under war conditions, aircraft cannot be turned out under six months. Unless, therefore, we have a reserve of 200 per cent. We shall not be able to keep our Air Force up to strength at the end of the first six months of war; casualties will progressively overtake production unless productive power is commensurately increased.

Then there is the question of Service personnel. The greater the complexity of the machines, the more intensive must be the training of the pilot,

crew, and ground personnel. Squadron training with the new personnel and more complicated material takes longer than it used to do.

CO-ORDINATED PLANS

As regards the formation of new squadrons, a note of warning should be sounded in the light of experience gained in 1918. The efficiency of the Force is even more important than numbers. We should accelerate and expand the units as fast as possible, but not at the risk of squadrons being so diluted as to diminish the value of the Force as a fighting unit. It was the backbone of the original R.F.C. which made the expansion of the Great War possible.

To send up men imperfectly trained, as was found in the last war, merely means unnecessary casualties in men and machines.

It is impossible to over-emphasise the paramount necessity that the defence policy of the three Services should be fully co-ordinated. A com-

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bined General Staff should at once be set up whose duty it will be to work out all strategical plans and insure against dispersion of effort. The details of the programme of each individual Service to carry this strategy into effect (in the case of the air, the character of squadron, the type of machines &c.) must be left to the Naval, Military or Air Staff to deal with.

It is also of great importance that the strategy and tactics of the air should be of a "forward" character—that is, based on the best that science and technique can give. Scientific knowledge, strategy and tactics cannot work too closely together. This is now recognised.

FACTORIES AND LABOUR

The first question is, has the aircraft industry been organised and prepared to effect a large increase in output if labour is made available and on a low cost basis? If it were a case of establishing new factories the delay would be calamitous. It may therefore be assumed that the Air Ministry has laid its plans on a really large scale, that extensions of factories have been made, shadow factories equipped and orders for tools and materials placed to cover greatly increased production.

After the existing factories, the shadow factory is of prime importance as a "war potential." Firms get the experience and plant necessary in order to turn over to war conditions

when the "war potential" becomes an urgent necessity. This system might well be extended.

The next point is to ensure the utilisation of the factories by our labour resources to the utmost advantage. There is a certain shortage of skilled labour, but the problem is really one of co-ordination and utilisation of our resources rather than an actual dearth.

There must be a large and steady reinforcement of labour on existing contracts in existing factories and the utmost stress must be laid on getting this labour into rapid operation. As we know, the Prime Minister, the employers' organisations, and the trade union leaders are now grappling with this question. If sufficient skilled labour can be made available, semi-skilled and unskilled labour can be more easily obtained, but it can only be used if the skilled labour, which is the key, is there.

In all this the most efficient business organisation and supervision is essential. The greatest possible co-operative effort is needed to speed up the work in hand. It must be ensured that there are no departmental delays, and that employers use their skilled labour to the best advantage. Costs will require very close and constant scrutiny if they are to be kept at a reasonable figure. It is important, also, that, while reinforcing labour there is no unreasonable increase in cost.

VIRTUE OF FLEXIBILITY

Turning to ground defence, it is necessary that anti-aircraft weapons, guns and searchlights alike, shall keep pace with defence in the air. Air defence is four-fold—squadrons for interception, defence and counter-attack; ground defences, guns and searchlights; ancillary services, like balloon barrages; and air raid precautions. In all these, especially in production of anti-aircraft guns, much acceleration is required, and the supply of material and personnel must be kept in step. But it must never be overlooked that the real defence lies in the counter-offensive, the interception and destruction of the attacking force.

Most important of all, it is essential to ensure that our Defence Forces, when reconstituted, are turned to the best advantage. We must not only have the best weapons, but we must be able to use them. The characteristic of air power is its flexibility, and this must be utilised to the full. There has perhaps been an undue tendency to treat the Metropolitan Air Force and other air units as though they were divorced from one another, and this, with the increasing range of aircraft, is unsound.

IMPERIAL AIR FORCE

In conclusion steps should be taken to form an Imperial Air Force. In addition to local defence, we have a far-flung Empire whose protection is a vital necessity. The last war found us fighting on a number of subsidiary fronts—Gallipoli, Salonika, the Suez Canal, Palestine, Mesopotamia and East Africa. The Imperial Air Force should be formed on the principle of dispersal in times of peace and concentration at any threatened point in the Empire when war appears to be imminent.

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JAPANESE VICTORY CLAIM

Tokyo Newspapers Begin To Count Their Chickens

"FALL OF HSUCHOW A MATTER OF A FEW DAYS"

Tokyo, To-day.

The Japanese press gives great prominence to the claims from the Lunghai front describing the alleged successes of the Japanese troops there. Special editions of the leading papers were first issued reporting the bare fact that victory had been won while later editions discussed the effects that the "victory" might produce.

The Japanese press emphasises through and reaching the Lunghai that further development of the Railway. The Japanese are report-struggle depends on whether the ed to be calling in reinforcements Chinese continue to fight in their from Yungcheng on the Honan-present position or attempt to Anhwei border, 40 kilometres south break through to the southwest in of the Lunghai Railway, to replenish the direction of the Peking-Hankow their losses in the last three days. Railway.

The crucial point of the coming from Fenghsien in north. Anhwei southward to the vicinity of Lichwang station east of Tangshan on May 15 was driven back by the Chinese after a bitter encounter, and retreated northward. About 700 Japanese were killed and many were captured alive. Five armoured cars were damaged by Chinese gunfire.

RESISTANCE STIFFENS

While the troops on the southwest front may continue advancing, the Chinese forces subject to attack are shortening their lines and at the same time gaining in strength through an increase of reserves so that the Japanese are already in difficulties to achieve the situation, the force in South Shantung is pressing slowly against the strongly fortified sector in the northeast of Hsuechow.

The Japanese press expresses the opinion that the "capture of Hsuechow is now only a matter of days."

NEW DEPARTMENT

To-day, writes the "Japan Times" which often expresses the views of the Japanese Foreign Office, the most valuable coastal provinces of China are occupied. Also in the south, the coast is blocked since the Japanese fleet has already captured Amoy.

A new China department to work in closest contact with the Japanese Foreign Office on one side and the Japanese military headquarters on the other, will take all necessary measures under the direction of Prince Konoye to bring about a speedy end to the China conflict.—Trans-Ocean.

FIGHTING SOUTH OF TANGSHAN

Chengchow, To-day.

Violent fighting is in progress at Hantaokow south of Tangshan on the Lunghai Railway, where the Chinese defenders are making a gallant stand to prevent the enemy from cutting the railway.

A strong Japanese force of about 2,000 equipped with tanks and assisted by planes have been attempting to dislodge the Chinese without success during the last three days. Their repeated onslaughts yesterday were again stemmed by the Chinese.

CHINESE REINFORCED

Heavy Chinese reinforcements have been placed around Hantoukow and points in the vicinity to prevent the enemy from breaking

A Japanese unit which pushed southward to the vicinity of Lichwang station east of Tangshan on May 15 was driven back by the Chinese after a bitter encounter, and retreated northward. About 700 Japanese were killed and many were captured alive. Five armoured cars were damaged by Chinese gunfire.

CAVALRY FRUSTRATED

An attempt to cut the Lunghai line by a Japanese cavalry unit which came from Tsaochshien in southwest Shantung yesterday was also frustrated by the Chinese.

Tension prevails in west Shantung. The Chinese have evacuated Hotseh after many days' fierce fighting. The situation at Kinsiang is reported to be obscure. The Japanese broke into the city on the night of May 15 after battering down the south city gate. Bloody street fighting ensued.

An attack on Kaocheng by two columns of Japanese troops from the east and the north yesterday was repulsed by the Chinese.—Central News.

KINSIANG FALLS

Hsuechow, To-day.

Kinsiang in west Shantung has fallen into Japanese hands, according to military advices.

The Chinese evacuated after bloody street fighting. They have taken up new positions in the immediate suburbs and are waiting for reinforcements for a counter-attack.

The Japanese troops which took Hotseh have remained inactive.—Central News.

KAIFENG BOMBED

Kaifeng, To-day.

Kaifeng spent a day of nervousness yesterday as Japanese planes rained missiles of death over the city.

A lone Japanese bomber raided Hinglung station, 14 kilometres east of Kaifeng. An hour later, the station and a village nearby were bombed by 23 Japanese aircraft.

In the afternoon, enemy machines raided Sinhsiang, Kaocheng and Huhsien in north Honan.—Central News.



Where is the dignity of the Law in this picture? A barrister dashing to the Law Courts in the Strand. (Copyright).

SIR ABE BAILEY IS GOING TO THE DERBY

London, May, 6.

Sir Abe Bailey is celebrating his astonishing recovery from operations that have left him legless by taking ship from Capetown to-day to come to see his horse Golden Sovereign run in the Derby.

Sir Abe is seventy-three. Ten months ago they had to amputate his left leg when he was here in England, his second home.

No sooner was he able to shuffle about with the help of a crutch than he went back to South Africa. He hadn't been there two months before specialists decided to take off his remaining leg.

Irrepressible Sir Abe has made all possible puns and quips about legpulling and having two feet in the grave.

'I DON'T BET MUCH'

Yesterday he wheeled himself to the telephone in his home on the Mountain of Mice (Capetown) to answer my call.

"What are Golden Sovereign's chances in the Derby?"

"A-a-h!" he chuckled. "I can't tell you yet. Better wait until I come over and have a look."

"The odds here were 100 to 6 at the last call over."

"Yes, maybe, but that doesn't alter the result of the race, does it?"

"Will you be putting anything on Golden Sovereign?"

"Oh, a little. I don't bet much now, you know. Those days have gone—long ago."

FOUR NURSES

Going aboard the Windsor Castle with Sir Abe to-day will be Lady Bailey, who flew out to him from England when his second leg was amputated, and four nurses.

Sir Abe explained, "They came out with me when my first leg was taken off. They have been looking after me since I lost the second, and they'll be with me until I'm able to looking after myself alone."

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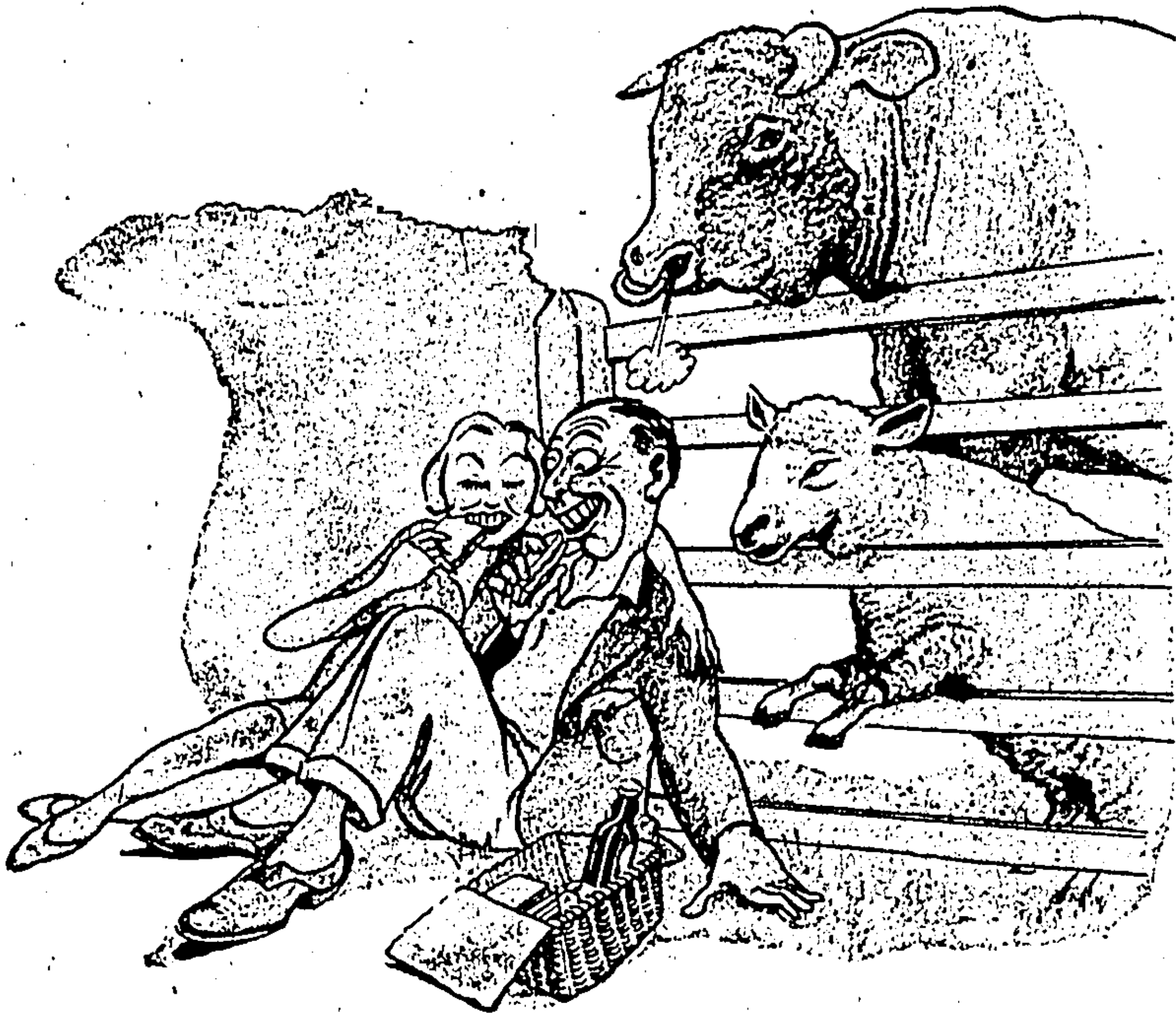
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GENOA SPEECH

Signor Mussolini's Genoa speech was far from reassuring. It is true that Il Duce referred in laudatory terms to Mr. Neville Chamberlain and gave a categorical assurance that the Anglo-Italian Agreement would be observed in letter and spirit. Such sweetening of the pill for those querulous about the wisdom of the Chamberlain policy, however, makes it no more easy to swallow when Il Duce couples it with disturbing comments on the Franco-Italian discussions. Restoration of more normal and amicable relations between France and Italy is just as vital a feature of successful British policy as the conclusion of a direct Anglo-Italian Agreement, for without a corresponding Paris-Rome understanding there can be no guarantees of permanency about it. The Genoa speech was an intimation, as salutary as was necessary, that Italian policy is directed to one of two objects, a free hand to bring the war in Spain to a finish in General Franco's favour, or to split Britain and France on foreign policy. As the second objective is out of the question, with Signor Mussolini well acquainted of the fact, it seems safe to assume that dictatorially he was offering a bargain, a more accommodating spirit in Rome in return for removal of French political resistance to a Spanish insurgent "volunteer" conquest.

The general trend of the speech was disturbing for other reason. The tenor was unmistakable. Il Duce's policy of peace in co-operation with Berlin means nothing more, nor less, than acceptance of European appeasement along lines which the two Dictators hold are essential to the preservation of peace. "Stresa is dead and buried." There is to be no new Locarno nor Four-Power Pact.

It may be that much of Mussolini's sabre-rattling peace talk is capable of being dismissed as tactical manoeuvring. It had, however, far more of the nature of a final declaration that Italy has gone completely over to the Rome-Berlin axis, and that diplomats, hoping in the grateful darkness of their craft, to disturb this relationship may consider themselves warned off.

Glass Heart

Dr. Alexis Carrel, famed scientist of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, has just made his first comprehensive report on the artificial heart, constructed with the help of airman Lindbergh. Used to pump nutrient solutions or blood serum through portions of living tissue or through whole animal organs, the various chemical changes can be studied, and parts of animals kept alive indefinitely, often long beyond the normal span of life of the original animal.

One piece of tissue is reported still thriving after eleven and a half years. Nine hundred experiments have now been performed, many on portions of living human tissue. These endured only for shorter periods.

The human kidney was the most difficult to maintain alive, but nevertheless acted properly by secreting urine. Each gland, such as thyroid or pancreas, secreted its proper hormone, and this method is suggested as a means of producing hormones.

Life could be maintained in tissue sections using artificial fluids, but to promote growth, blood serum had to be used.

Hearts could be kept pulsating, fallopian tubes contracting, and corpora lutea growing. These latter results induced Dr. Carrel to attempt the growth from the germ cells of a "test-tube baby" cat.

After twenty-four hours, however, the embryo had been absorbed. Something unknown was lacking and, the experiment failing, nature had intervened in its normal way by cleaning away the debris.

Most organs and tissues have now been maintained alive and grown artificially, and it is not impossible that this technique will lead to a method of growing replacements for injured or diseased parts of the human anatomy.

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The Call to War

There is too much talk about the inevitability of war. War is to-day presenting itself as greater than intelligence, as more powerful than man's ability to resist it and to destroy its basis. It is presenting itself as the master of men whose right and capacity of decision have suddenly become numbed. Daily, hourly, men's thinking is being conditioned to the acceptance of war. It is being conditioned against the shock of war. It is being conditioned to expect war and to do less and less about it.

To do less and less about it! That is the result of the receding mental resistance to war and the hopeless and unnecessary acceptance of its inevitability. This attitude is expressed in the mental climate of people and in official policies of countries. It is apparent not merely in the fact that the whole world has sailed grimly into a colossal rearmament race, but in the fact that the building of battleships and bombers to fight an unwanted war has become our almost exclusive means of trying to avert an unwanted war.

The result is that, while more and more thought and action are going into the construction of defence against the effects of war, less and less thought and action are going into the elimination of the causes of war. The mental and physical emphasis needs to be reversed.

LESS GLOOMY VIEW OF HSUCHOW BATTLE

Chinese Hard Pressed, But Fighting Back

HOTEL FIRE DISASTER IN AMERICA

Atlanta (Georgia), To-day.
Fifteen were killed and a number injured in a serious fire which broke out in a hotel in Atlanta yesterday.
Cause of the fire was an explosion in the basement, and the five-storey building was completely destroyed.—Reuter.

JAPANESE COLLAPSING IN SHANSI

Hankow, To-day.

The Chinese spokesman declared to-day that in Shansi, the Chinese forces had recaptured 34 cities previously occupied by the Japanese, and that from March 7 to May 10, the Chinese had inflicted on the Japanese casualties totalling 27,780 killed and wounded.

The spokesman pointed out that the Japanese invaded Shansi hoping to launch a drive to south-west China, as well as supporting the Japanese drive south along the Peiping-Hankow Railway.

When the Japanese completed occupation of the Tungpu Railway, the position was very alarming for the Chinese, as China's north-west provinces, as well as the Lunghai Railway and Honan, were endangered.

The situation appeared graver than at present at Hsuehchowfu, he stated.

TWO MONTHS' FIGHTING

After two months' hard fighting in the Shansi mountains, the spokesman declared, the Chinese had finally succeeded in driving out the enemy, and soon the province would be entirely cleared of Japanese troops.

The Chinese would use Shansi as a base for a drive either eastward towards the Peiping-Hankow Railway or to strike north-east in the direction of the Peiping-Tientsin Railway.—Reuter.

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Japan's Victory Claims Premature

Hankow, To-day.

Severe fighting is raging in west Shantung, where the Chinese evacuated Kinghsiang on Sunday morning, according to Chinese reports from the front.

Japanese troops from Tsaochowfu are stated to be moving in a south-west direction on Kinghsiang and Chuyau.

A small Japanese detachment has reached Lungkwantsi and Matou-tsi, villages 20 kilometres north-east of Kaochen, which is north-east of Lanfeng, on the Lunghai Railway.

IT WAS THIS MOVE THAT APPARENTLY GAVE RISE TO THE JAPANESE REPORT THAT THEIR TROOPS HAD CUT THE RAILWAY AT LANFENG.

Chinese forces at Kaochen launched a vigorous attack and dispersed the Japanese detachment there.

Another Japanese detachment reached Tawangtsi, 13 kilometres north of Tsaohsien, but the Japanese are stated to have quickly retired when Chinese troops engaged them.

JAPANESE RETIRE

It is also claimed that a Japanese detachment, appearing 14 miles south-east of Tangshan, west of Hsuehchowfu, retired when the Chinese subjected it to severe artillery and infantry attacks.

The Japanese column reaching Yungchen was comprised of mechanised cavalry and included over 80 tanks.

One detachment of this column is stated to have headed for Tangshan, while another is proceeding to Kweiteh.

REAR THREATENED

While the Chinese forces, with their backs to the railway, are fighting desperately to hold on to their positions south of the railway a Chinese flying column is attacking Yungchen and Mengchen and is threatening the Japanese rear.

A Japanese column advancing north on Haichow has been halted at Fuming, in north Kiangsu, with the Chinese holding the north bank of the Yellow River north of Fuming.

A small Japanese cavalry detachment has gone round the Chinese left, reaching Tungshancheng, north-west of Fuming, on the east bank of the Yen River.

T.P.R. FIGHTING

On the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, north of Pengpu, the Chinese and Japanese are reported to be facing each other across the Hui River, south of Kucheng.

Further south, in the Hofei area, the Chinese reached Chaohsien on Friday last week but withdrew later to Hofei when the city was threatened.

Latest advices indicate that a Japanese detachment has entered the east gate of Hofei. Street fighting is going on at present, with the Chinese stubbornly holding out.—Reuter.

FRANCE TO BUY PLANES IN AMERICA

Paris, To-day.

The French Air Ministry has decided to purchase 100 American fighting planes, with President Roosevelt's permission, in view of the inability of French manufacturers to fulfil the first part of the air expansion plan.

An official statement expresses the hope that French manufacturers will be able to meet the country's future needs.

The first plane, it is understood, will be delivered next November and the order will be completed by next Spring.—Reuter.

MR. CHURCHILL HOPEFUL OF CZECH PEACE

London, To-day.

"I am very glad to find the prospects of a good friendly settlement between the Czecho-Slovakian Government and the Sudeten Deutsche far better than I had expected," declared Mr. Winston Churchill in a speech at Bristol last night.

Mr. Churchill had conferred with Herr Konrad Henlein, Sudeten leader, during the latter's visit to London.

Mr. Churchill saw no reason why the Sudeten Deutsche should not become trusted and honoured partners in the Czecho-Slovakian state.

Such a happy result would be due to the fact that German pressure was counter-balanced by the firm and courageous statements of France, supported to a very considerable extent by the British Government.—Reuter.

U.S. AIRCRAFT FACTORIES TOO BUSY FOR R.A.F.

WASHINGTON, TO-DAY.

ALTHOUGH PRICES ARE REASONABLE, AMERICAN MANUFACTURERS AT PRESENT ARE FAR TOO BUSY TO PRODUCE PLANES IN SUFFICIENT QUANTITIES TO MEET BRITAIN'S REQUIREMENTS.

This, according to well-informed officials here, is the report sent to the Air Ministry in London by the British air mission.

The mission, which has carried out an extensive tour of United States aeroplane factories, left for Canada on Saturday.—Reuter.

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Japanese Flooding North China With Cheap Drugs

London, To-day.

Attention was drawn in the House of Commons yesterday to the alleged greatly increased trafficking in drugs in China by Japanese and Korean traders, under the control of the Japanese Government, by Dr. David Adams (Labour, Consett).

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replying, said the Foreign Office had received reports that there had been a considerable increase recently, but he saw no reason to suppose that it was the outcome of any systematic and deliberate plan.

He believed that to give publicity to the situation would be more productive of results than any other.

The Government was very much alive to the matter, and was using the strongest efforts. They had not made representations, and Lord Halifax, the Foreign Secretary, would consider the situation.

NOT DELIBERATE?

The Government's information did not bear out systematic demoralisation as part of a deliberate policy by the Japanese Government.

In a further reply, Mr. Butler said he was aware that heroin and morphine were selling at very low prices in North China (Mr. Adams suggested three-halfpence per packet of heroin).

As regards world production and distribution, the Government was doing their utmost to control clandestine manufacture and distribution in their territory under the Opium Conventions.

The League would shortly consider steps to limit cultivation of raw materials from which the drugs are made.—Reuter.

HENLEIN VISIT TO LONDON UNOFFICIAL

London, To-day.

Konrad Henlein, leader of the Sudeten Germans, was not received by any members of the Government during his visit to London.

This was announced in the House of Commons yesterday in reply to a question, by the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler, who also denied the report that Herr Henlein had visited Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, Dominions Secretary. — Reuter.

DEATH OF ADMIRAL BAYLY

London, To-day.

The death has occurred of Admiral Sir Lewis Bayly, Retired, at the age of 81.

Entering the Navy in 1870, Admiral Bayly served in the Ashanti, Congo, Egyptian War and the Great War, during which (from 1915 to 1919) he was Commander-in-Chief, Western Approaches.

Before the War he was President of the War College for three years, and commanded the 1st Battle Cruiser Squadron (1911-12), the 3rd Battle Squadron (1913-14) and the 1st Battle Squadron (1914). — Reuter.

LOCAL SHOWERS

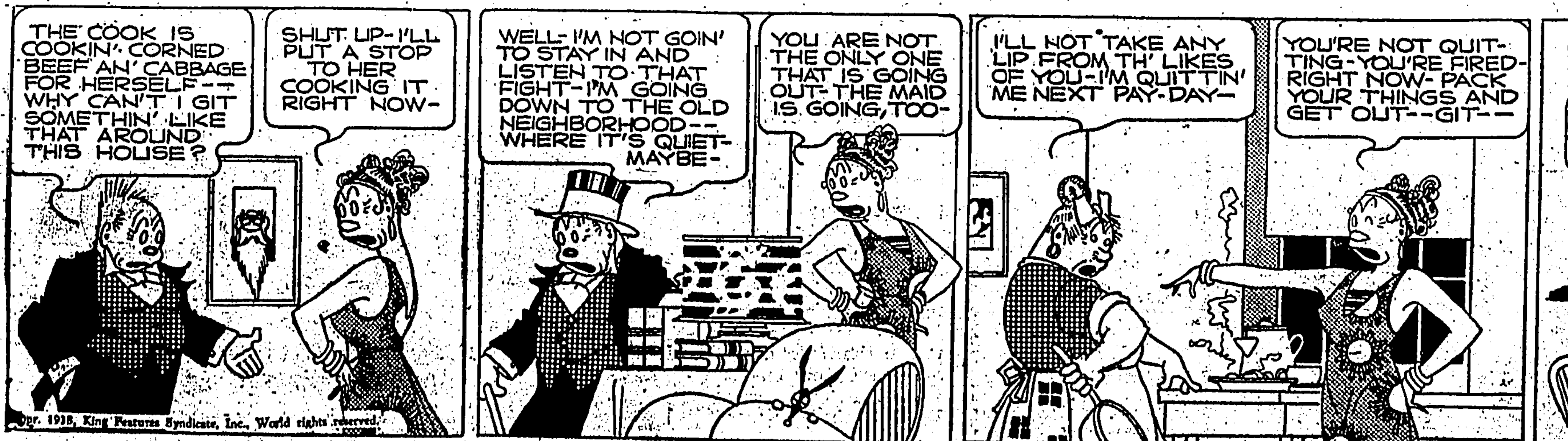
The Royal Observatory reports that pressure is highest over the Pacific to the east of Japan, and is relatively low over Tongking and Manchuria.

A depression remains in the Pacific to the east of the Loochoos.

Local forecast:—S. winds, moderate; fair generally with local showers.

Kwan Yung was admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital yesterday suffering from a fractured leg. She was knocked down by a car in Wellington Street.

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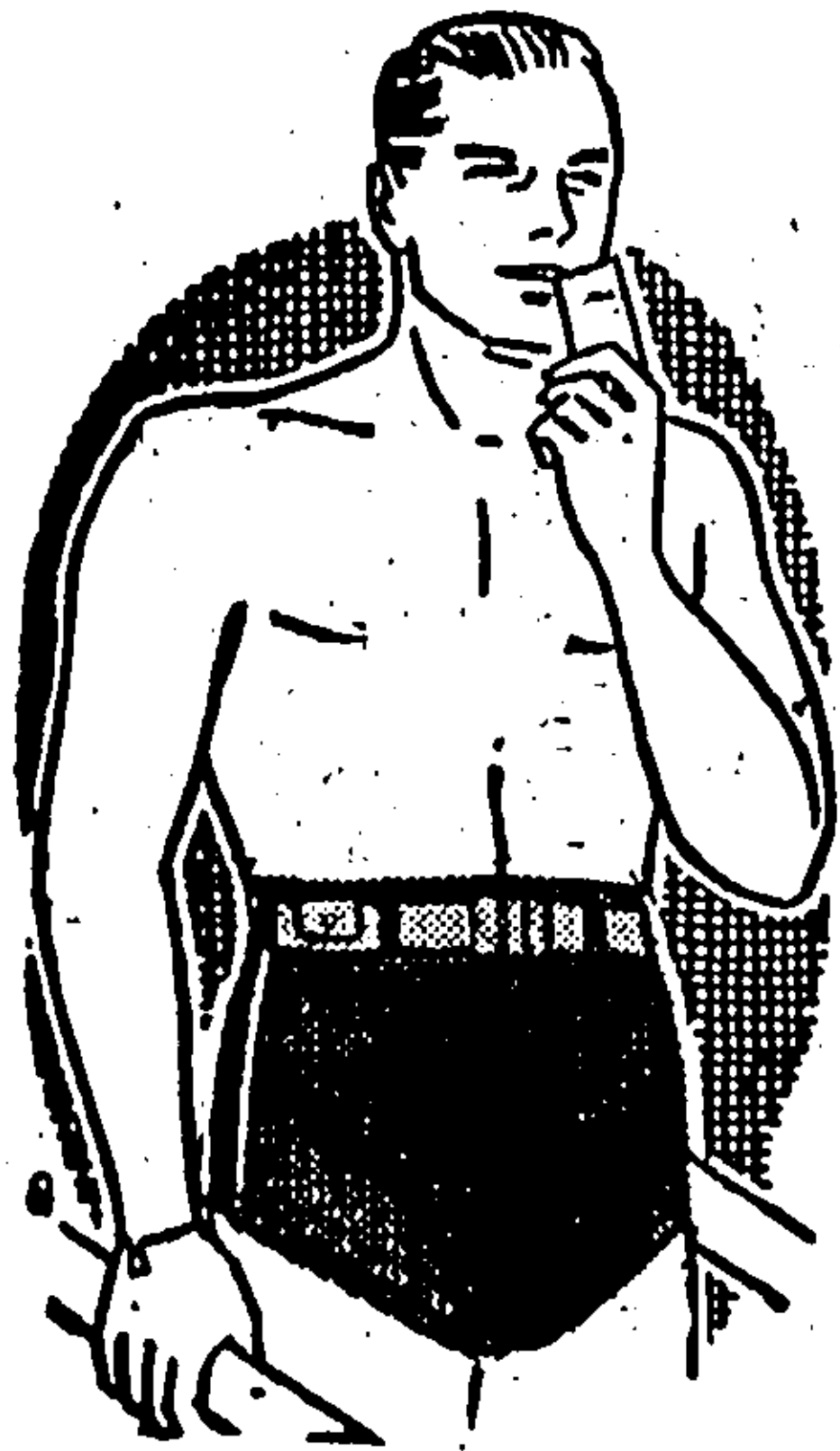
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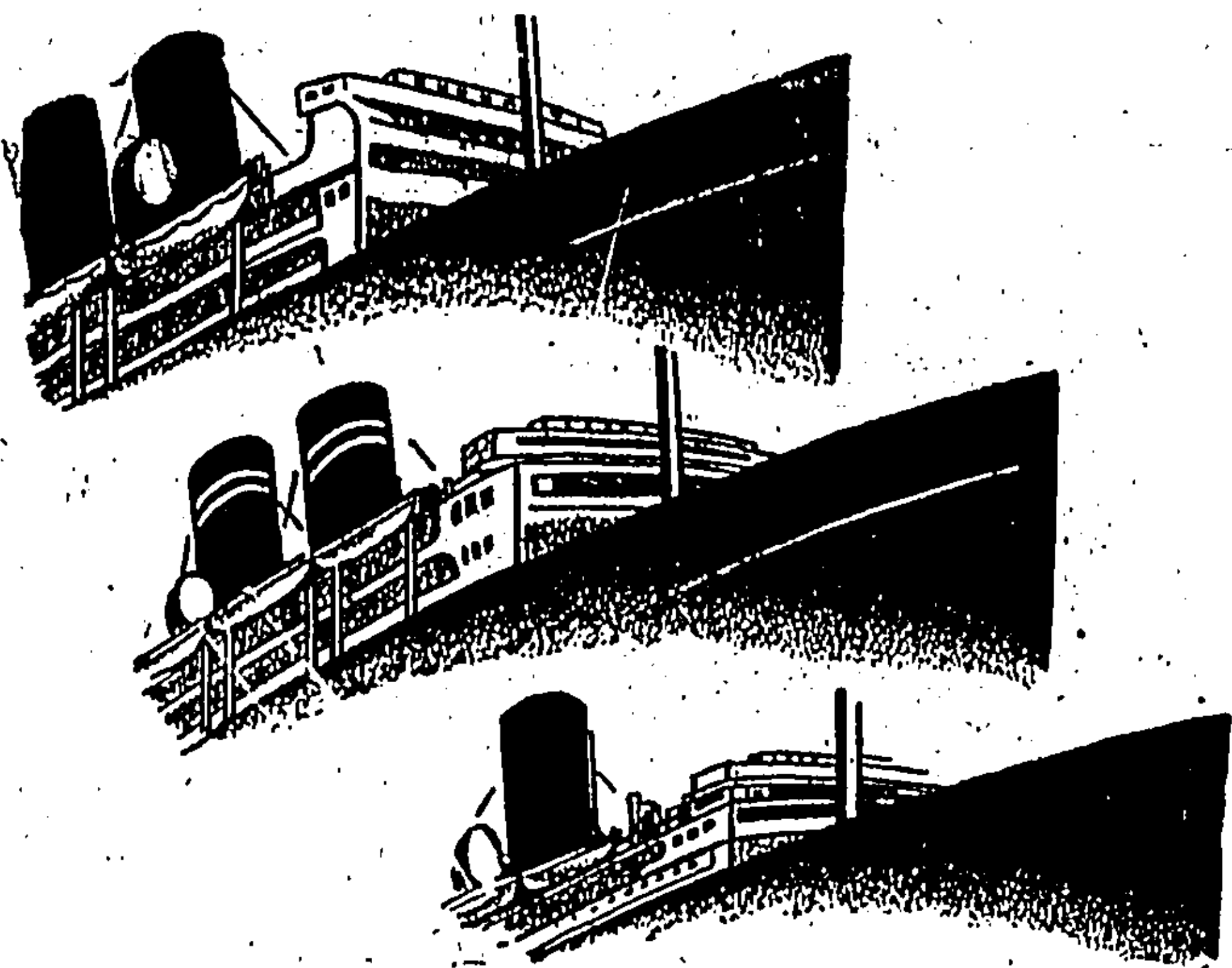
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CARTHAGE	14,500	11th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
†*BURDWAN	6,000	18th June	Bombay, Marseilles, Havre, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam, & Antwerp.
RAJPUTANA	17,000	25th June	Bombay, Marseilles, & London.
RANCHI	17,000	9th July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
†*SOMALI	6,000	16th July	Bombay, Marseilles, Havre, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam, & Antwerp.
RANPURA	17,000	23rd July	Bombay, Marseilles, & London.
RAWALPINDI	17,000	6th Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles, & London.

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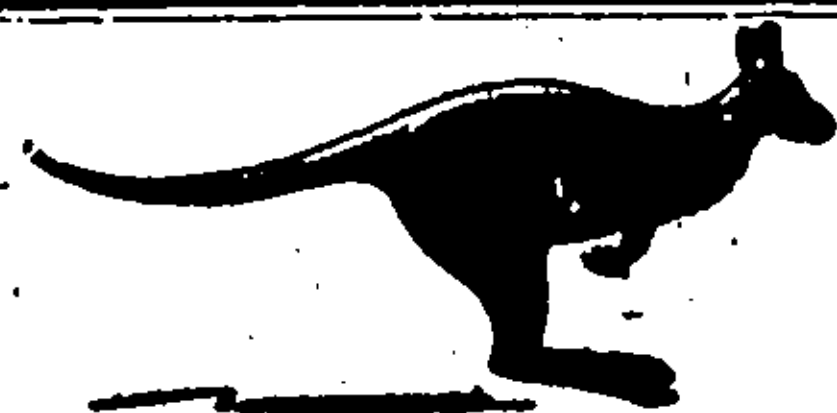
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RAJPUTANA	17,000	26th May	Shanghai & Japan.
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RANCHI	17,000	9th June	Shanghai & Japan.
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Calcutta and Straits	Hosang	May 17.
Shanghai and Swatow	Suiyang	May 17.
U.S.A., Canada and Japan (Seattle date, 27th April)	Pres. Jefferson	May 17.
Straits	Van Heutsz	May 17.
Swatow	Nanning	May 17.
Straits	Diomed	May 18.
Java and Manila	Tjinegara	May 18.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 12th May.	Imperial Airways Plane	May 18.
Japan and Shanghai	Deucalion	May 18.
Manila	Neptuna	May 18.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 11th May	Pan-American Airways Plane	May 18.
Japan	Talma	May 19.
Australia and Manila	Atsuta Maru	May 19.
Haiphong, Pakhoi and Hoihow	Kingyuan	May 19.
Haiphong	Kalgan	May 19.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Manila, San Francisco date, 22nd April.	Pres. Cleveland	May 19.
Straits and Hoihow	Muinam	May 19.
Japan and Shanghai	Soudan	May 20.
Japan, Shanghai and Formosa	Kasima Maru	May 20.
Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver B.C., date 30th April)	Emp. of Japan	May 20.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 15th May.	Imperial Airways Plane	May 20.
Tientsin and Swatow	Chengtu	May 20.

OUTWARD MAILS

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For	Per	Date and Time.
Tuesday		
Fort Bayard	Wing Wo	May 17, Noon.
Swatow and *Shanghai	Kiungchow	Tues., May 17, 12.30 p.m.
Hoihow, Pakhoi and *Haiphong	Shantung	Tues., May 17, 1.00 p.m.
Japan	Hosang	Tues., May 17, 5.00 p.m.
Air Mail for Wuchow, Kweiyang and Chungking by the "C.N.A.C. Airways Direct Service."	C.N.A.C. Plane	Tues., May 17, K.P.O.
	Reg.,	Tues., May 17, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord.,	Tues., May 17, 5.00 p.m.
		G.P.O.
	Reg.,	Tues., May 17, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord.,	Wed., May 18, 6.00 a.m.
Wednesday		
Samshui and Wuchow	Taiming	May 18, 8.15 a.m.
Air Mail for "K.L.M. Airways Service"—due Amsterdam 29th May.	Deucalion	Wed., May 18, G.P.O. and K.P.O.
	Reg.,	May 18, 12.30 p.m.
	Ord.,	May 18, 1 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt and *Europe via Marseilles — due Marseilles, 17th June and London	Deucalion	Wed., May 18, G.P.O. and K.P.O.
Parcels—due London, 23rd June.	Par.,	May 18, 11 a.m.
	Reg.,	May 18, 12.45 p.m.
	Ord.,	May 18, 1.30 p.m.
Kongmoon	Fook On	Wed., May 18, 10.00 a.m.
Swatow, Foochow and Tientsin	Hupoh	Wed., May 18, 12.30 p.m.
Haiphong	Canton	Wed., May 18, 2.00 p.m.
Manila, *Japan, *Canada and *U.S.A., —due Victoria B.C., 12th June.	Pres. Jefferson	Wed., May 18, 2.30 p.m.
Shanghai	Tsinan	Wed., May 18, 2.30 p.m.
Air Mail for Sian, Lanchow and Chengtu, etc. (via Hankow) by the "Eurasia Airways Service" (To further points by surface transport as Services permit).	Eurasia Plane	Wed., May 18, G.P.O. & K.P.O.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, and U.S.A. by the "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco, 26th May.	Pan-American Airways Plane	May 19, K.P.O.
	Reg.,	May 18, 5 p.m.
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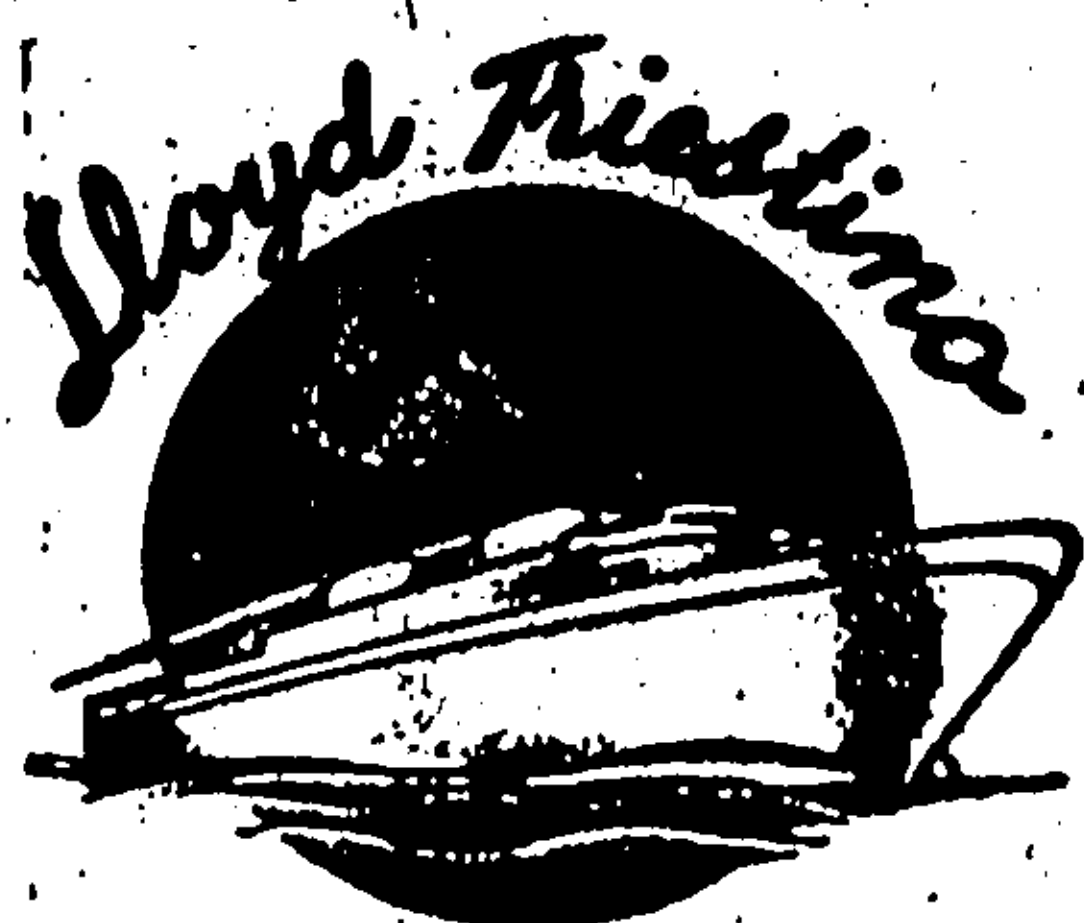
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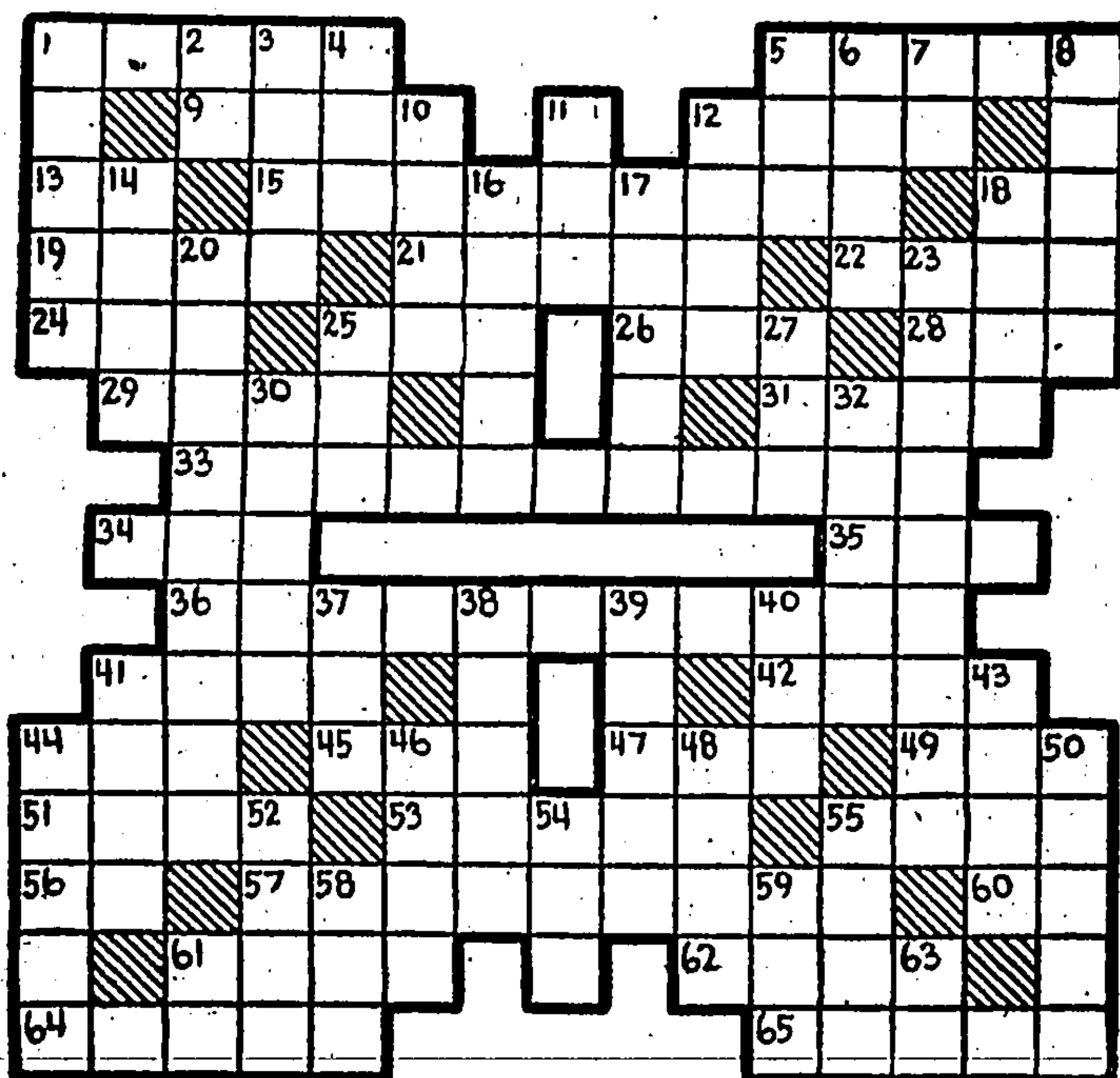
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HORIZONTAL

- 1-Void
- 5-Invasives suddenly
- 9-Surface
- 12-Period of fasting
- 13-Because
- 15-Find out
- 18-Italian river
- 19-A conservative
- 21-Seized
- 22-Large lake
- 24-Before
- 25-A letter
- 26-Recent
- 28-A naval title (abbr.)
- 29-Small pastry
- 31-A serpent (pl.)
- 33-Restoration of confidence
- 34-Epoch
- 35-Part of the head
- 36-Exploit
- 41-Prefix. Against
- 42-Part of a plant
- 44-Artificial head covering
- 45-Wooden pin
- 47-Raw metal
- 49-Crimson

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 51-Greek god of war
- 53-Plural of radius
- 55-Russian title
- 58-Exists
- 57-Porridge-dish
- 60-The (Fr.)
- 61-Military signal
- 62-Prophet
- 64-Beach
- 65-Harvests

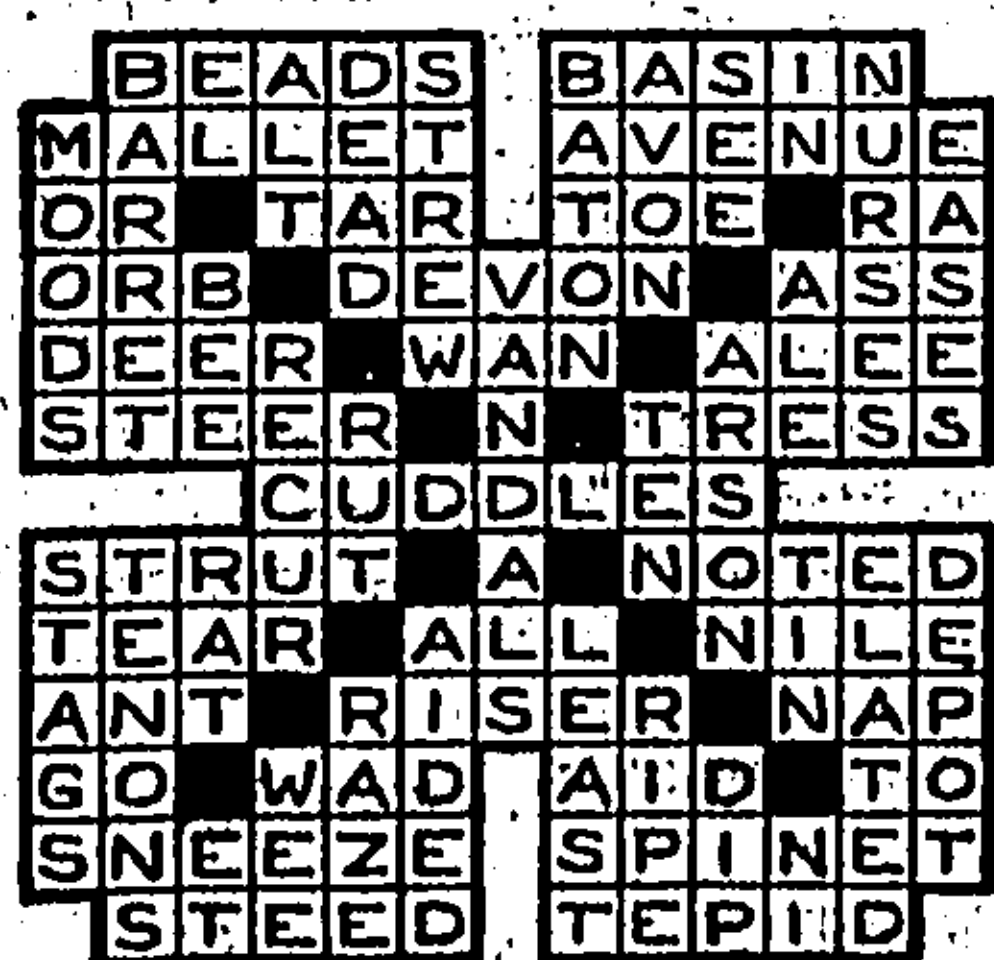
VERTICAL

- 1-Excite
- 2-Father
- 3-Waiter
- 4-Affirmative reply
- 5-Portuguese coin
- 6-Girl's name
- 7-Pronoun
- 8-Covering for the feet
- 10-Deeds
- 11-Noah's ship
- 12-Thoroughfare
- 14-Classify
- 16-Relieves
- 17-Singing voice
- 18-Fastens

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 20-To put in different order
- 23-Watches which strike the hours
- 25-Greek letter
- 27-Pale
- 30-To act in response
- 32-Odor
- 37-Bone of the body
- 38-Man's name
- 39-To separate and remove to a distance
- 40-A compass point (abbr.)
- 41-Ventilates
- 43-Repeat
- 44-Serves at table
- 46-Makes a mistake
- 48-Equips
- 50-An article of clothing
- 52-Box
- 54-Noise
- 55-Large plant
- 58-Open (Post.)
- 59-Ever (contr.)
- 61-Preposition
- 63-Egyptian god

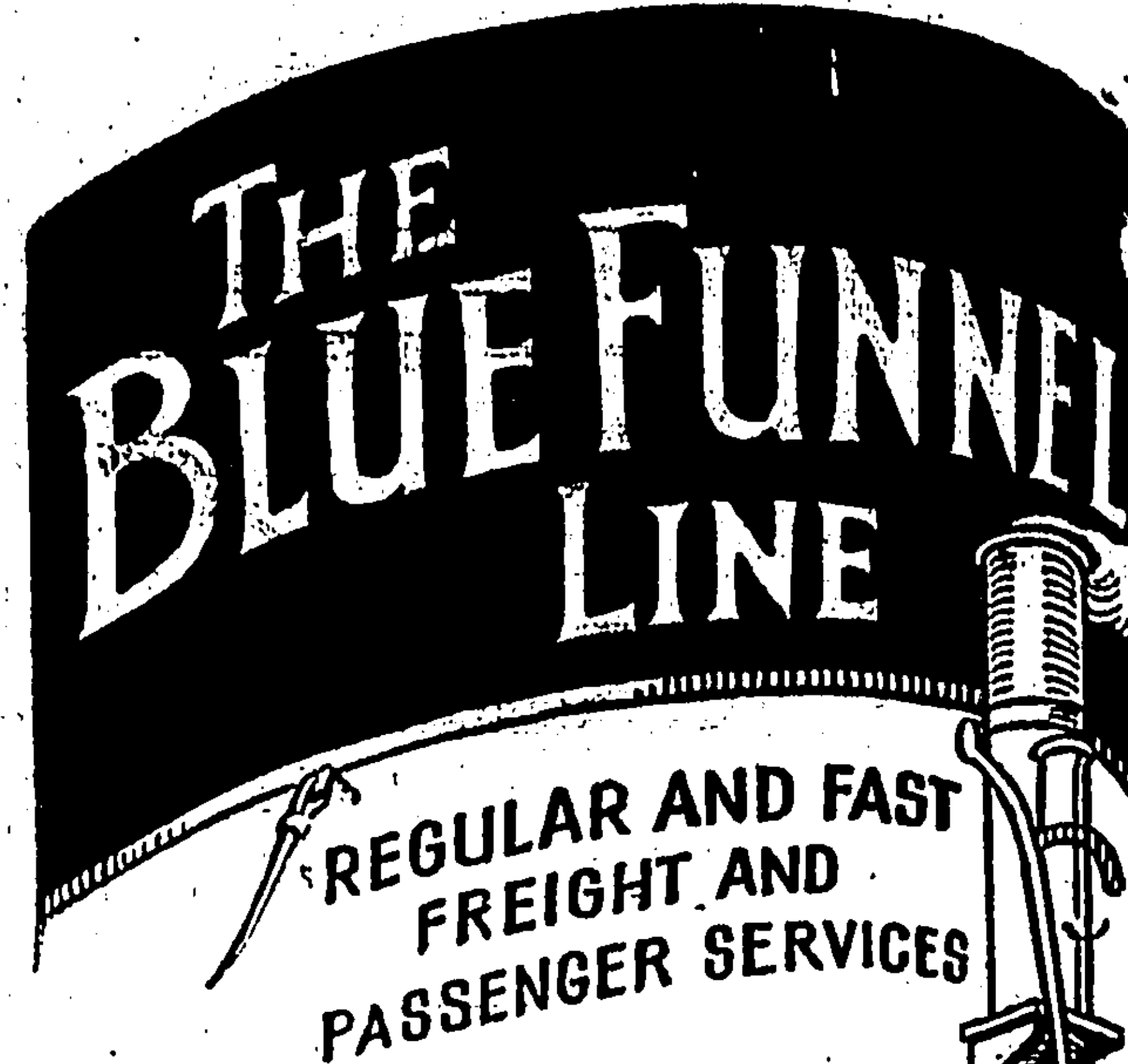
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BOMBAY & KARACHI via Singapore, Penang and Colombo	Rio de Janeiro Maru Thurs., 28th June
CALCUTTA via Singapore Belawan Deli & Rangoon	
JAPAN via Takao and Keelung	Arabia Maru Tues., 5th July
JAPAN PORTS	Arizona Maru Sat., 4th June
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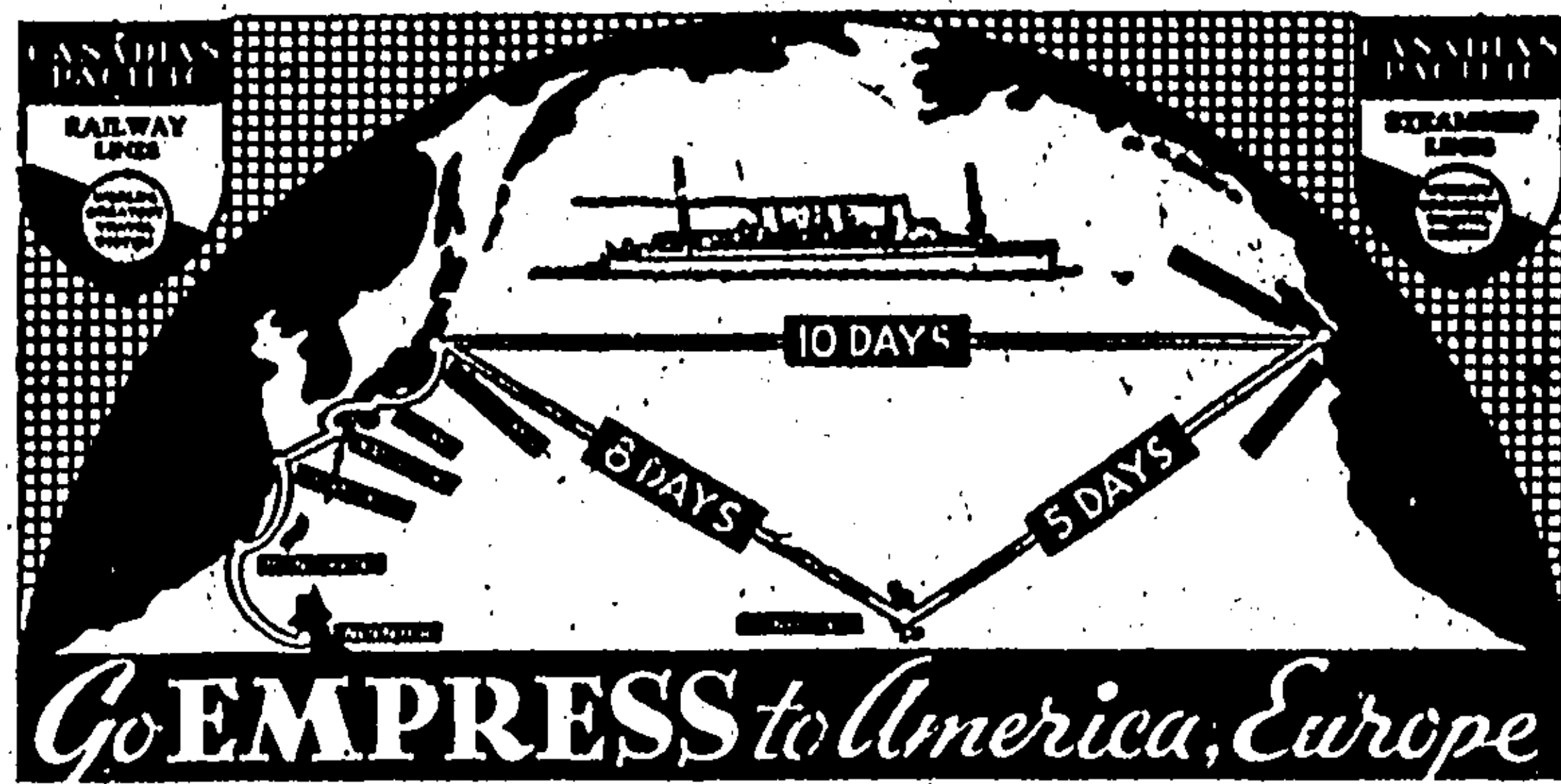
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BELGIAN CABINET'S FIRST MEETING

Brussels, To-day.

The new Belgian Government held its first meeting yesterday afternoon for the purpose of drawing up a Government declaration to Parliament to-day.

From reliable sources it is learnt that the declaration will announce the continuation of the policy of independence on the lines of the Royal declaration of October, 1936, and also of national rearmament within the orbit of the country's financial resources.

As regards domestic affairs, it is generally expected that the new Government will strive for realisation of a series of far-reaching administrative reforms with respect to the promotion of the Belgian export trade.

An earnest attempt will likewise be made to reach a settlement in the Flemish question. It was being stated in political quarters here yesterday evening that the Catholic Party intends to insist upon the despatch of a Belgian trade agent to Burgos. — Trans-Ocean.

THIS NEW DANCE IS A "RACKET"

A new dance, inspired by a strenuous game on a tennis court, is being popularised by two American dancers, Ramon and Renita. They got the idea for the steps from noticing each other's agile movements and unconsciously graceful positions during a swift set.

The new dance has three chief movements, known as the streamline spin, the cabriole, and the preparation leap, all the movements being based on those actually made by people playing tennis.

Each of the partners in the dance carries a regulation tennis-racket in one hand.

Miss Alice Kwok, of the Y.W.C.A., has reported the loss of three fountain pens, valued at \$25, from the premises.

COST OF STEEL COACHES (AND SAFETY): £21,000,000

London, May 6.

It would cost British railways approximately £21,000,000 to give nearly all their wooden coaches new steel bodies, which, experiment has proved, will not telescope in accidents.

The experiments were conducted for the French National Railways last December. A report on them was commented on by the English Railway Gazette last week.

New one-piece shells of steel were made to fit over the chassis of old wooden coaches. The interiors were unaltered and the weight of the coaches was not increased.

28-M.P.H. CRASH

Then, drawn by a powerful locomotive, a steel coach was sent crashing at twenty-eight miles an hour into a wooden coach train supported by strong buffers.

The only damage to the test coach was a broken window at the end of the body.

The wooden coach bodies — they had steel underframes — were destroyed.

French railways have thus solved a difficult problem of cost in their drive to replace all wooden by steel coaches.

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It costs £6,800 in France to build a steel coach, but no more than £630 to convert a wooden coach to steel. France already has 58 per cent. rolling-stock made of steel.

Britain has only 15 per cent. About 35,000 more coaches could be converted to steel at a cost of little more than £600 each.

Britain then could step into line with Germany, which has 98 per cent. steel coaches, and the United States, which has 85 per cent.

Singapore Raw Rubber

Messrs. H. B. Joseph and Co., have received the following quotations in Straits Currency for Raw Rubber:

July/Sept. 19-¾ b. down ¾.
 Oct/Dec. 20 b. down ¾.
 Jan/March 20-¾ b. down ¾.
 Market: Dull.

ARMAMENTS ACCELERATION CONFERENCE

London, To-day.
On May 25, a joint conference between employers and the trade unions in the chief industries involved in re-armament work will be held to explore further the questions raised by the recent appeal by the Prime Minister and Sir Thomas Inskip, Minister for the Coordination of Defence, to both sides in these industries to consider together means of facilitating production in connection with the Government's acceleration of the rearmament programme.—British Wire-
less.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar this morning was 1/2-13/16.

"Spot" silver was quoted in London yesterday at 18-3/4 and forward at 18-7/16.

The London on New York rate was quoted at £—U.S.\$4.9631 and the New York on London rate at £—U.S.\$4.96-5/16.

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FRENCH LOAN LIST CLOSED IN QUICK TIME

Paris, To-day.
The £28,000,000 French Defence Loan, subscription for which was opened yesterday morning, was oversubscribed in a short time and closed in the afternoon, the issue having been a striking success.

The Finance Minister, in a broadcast at noon, thanked the people of France for their great support. —
Reuter.

LOCAL SHARES

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations this morning:—

INSURANCES

Union Ins. \$519/20 sa.
H. K. Fire Ins. \$230 sa.

SHIPPING

H. K. Steamboats \$22 1/4 b.
DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS,
ETC.

H. K. and K. Wharves \$137 b.
H. K. Docks (Ex. Rts.) \$21 1/4 sa.
Providents (Old) \$3.82 1/2/77 1/2 sa.

MINING

Venz: Goldfield \$2.60 b.
Atoks Ps. 27 sa.
Baguio Gold Ps. 24 1/4 sa.
Benguet Consol. Ps. 9.20 sa.
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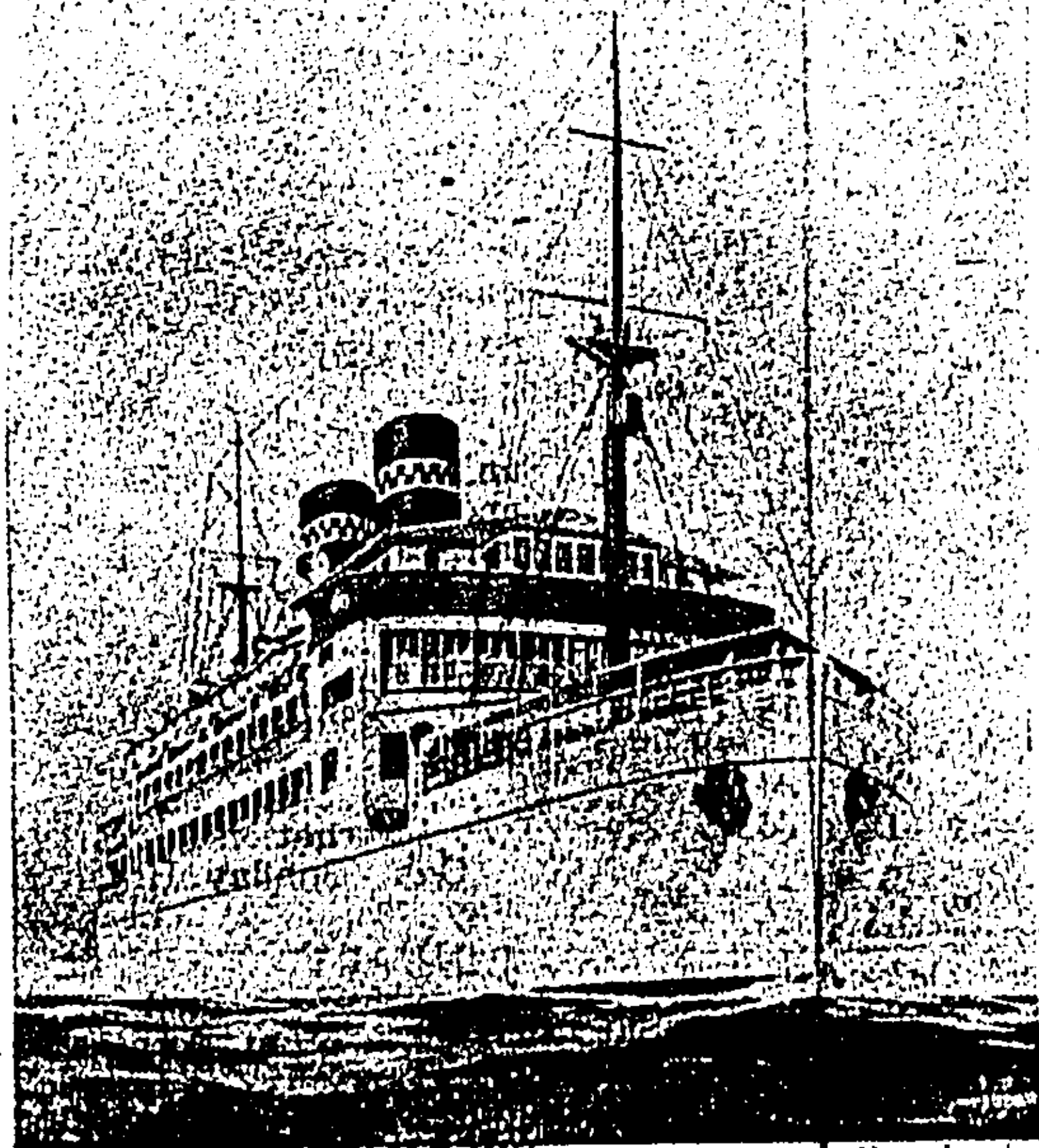
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MIXED DOUBLES "BABES" ON VIEW

CRICKET CLUB BEAT LADIES' R.C.

MRS. FINDLAY, MISS DIANA DODWELL & MRS. WHITHAM IMPRESSIVE

J. J. FERGUSON'S POLISHED STROKING

(By "ADREM")

Hong Kong C. C. beat Ladies' R. C. 7-2.

ALTHOUGH THE PLAY NEVER REACHED ANY GREAT HEIGHTS OF BRILLIANCE, THE MATCH AT THE HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB YESTERDAY BETWEEN THE "BABES" OF THE MIXED DOUBLES TENNIS LEAGUE, H.K.C.C. AND LADIES' RECREATION CLUB, WAS ALWAYS FAIRLY INTERESTING TO WATCH AND IN VIEW OF THEIR LACK OF EXPERIENCE, SEVERAL OF THE FAIR SEX ON VIEW GAVE PROMISE OF BETTER THINGS AS THEY ACQUIRE MORE EXPERIENCE AT THIS TYPE OF GAME.

THREE MATCHES IN "A" DIVISION THIS AFTERNOON

C.R.C. Should Win Easily

Three matches will open the "A" Division of the Lawn Tennis League this afternoon, and two appear to be one-sided encounters.

At Chater Road, the Hong Kong Cricket Club entertain the holders, Chinese Recreation Club, who should win comfortably. The visitors are not expected to drop a set.

At Cox's Road, the Kowloon Cricket Club should perform similarly against South China, who are fielding a much weaker team this season.

Probably the best match this afternoon is that between the Indian Recreation Club and the United Services Recreation Club, at Sookunpoo. Both teams are fairly well-balanced although the Indians are expected to record their first victory of the season.

The following are to-day's teams:

TO-DAY'S TEAMS

"A" DIVISION

C.R.C.

To be selected from Tsui Wai-pui, Tsui Yun-pui, Paul Kong, Y. W. Lee, Lee Wai-tong, W. C. Hung, Ho Ka Lau, Luk Ding-cheung and Wong Shiu-wing.

RECREIO

A. V. Remedios and J. B. Gonsalves. A. N. Othar and A. V. Gosano. H. A. Barros and C. A. Barretto.

K.C.C.

E. C. Fincher and E. F. Fincher. A. E. P. Guest and S. A. Gray. A. Crawford and G. C. Burnett.

H.K.C.C.

G. W. Sewell and H. Owen Hughes. W. Sander and T. A. Pearce. F. V. Harrison and H. J. Armstrong.

I.R.C.

S. A. Rumjahn and Omar Rumjahn. A. R. Minu and M. A. Razack. A. H. Madar and H. D. Rumjahn.

S.C.A.A.

A. Chan and Wong Fuk-nam. Li Kwai-fan and P. P. Yip. P. Y. Cheung and Ho Wai-hing.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

The following is to-day "A" Division Lawn Tennis League programme:—

H.K.C.C. v. C.R.C.
I.R.C. v. U.S.R.C.
K.C.C. v. S.C.A.A.



C.R.C. TOO GOOD FOR K.C.C. "A"

Should Win Mixed Doubles League

MISS YEUNG IS IMPRESSIVE

Chinese Recreation Club gave definite evidence yesterday at K.C.C. that they are more than likely to win the Mixed Doubles Lawn Tennis League, which they last won in 1936.

The only danger appears to be the fitness of their three ladies, as it is understood that Mrs. T. F. Lo is their only reserve lady player. It will therefore need only two of their ladies to be off ill for C.R.C. to find themselves in an awkward position.

Candidly, C.R.C. were not so impressive yesterday, although they had matters their own way. Hung Kong and Mrs. Chiu were not at their best, but K.C.C. ladies were overawed by the occasion and their men could not take advantage of the lapses on the part of the C.R.C. combinations.

USEFUL ACQUISITION

Miss Yeung is a very useful acquisition to C.R.C. She is very young and small, but she, nevertheless, knows the dimensions of the court and exploits the lob almost to perfection.

Mrs. Enid Lo-Litton is as steady as ever, and gave a really good display yesterday.

K.C.C. will have to improve if they hope to be runners-up.

Scores were:—

E. C. Fincher and Mrs. Williams (K.C.C. "A")—
drew with W. C. Hung and Mrs. Litton 6-6
lost to Tsui Yun-pui and Mrs. Chiu Chun-chiu 2-6
beat Paul Kong and Miss Yeung Wai-pan 6-3
E. F. Fincher and Mrs. O. Burnett (K.C.C. "A")—
lost to Hung and Mrs. Litton... 1-6
lost to Tsui and Mrs. Chiu 3-6
lost to Kong and Miss Yeung... 5-7
G. C. Burnett and Mrs. Clarke (K.C.C. "A")—
lost to Hung and Mrs. Litton... 3-6
lost to Tsui and Mrs. Chiu 2-6
lost to Kong and Miss Yeung... 4-6

ROYAL NAVY TO MEET SAIGON TEAM TO-DAY

The following have been chosen to represent the Royal Navy against the Saigon footballers, at Causeway Bay to-day, at 5.30 p.m.

Woolford (Medway); Naughton (Defender) and Marriott (Medway); Blair (Rorqual), Dixon (Eagle) and Davies (P.O.'s Course, Kowloon); Speller (Duchess), Cooke (Adventure), Vening (Eagle), Wright (Grimsby) and Hunt (Eagle).

Reserves. — Booth (Cumberland), Fisher (Eagle), Delderfield (Medway), Armstrong (Medway), Formen (Cumberland), and Feerman (Adventure).

Waddell 6-3
beat N. L. H. Railton and Mrs. A. Hyde-Lay 6-2
H. J. Armstrong and Mrs. J. P. Whitham (H.K.C.C.)
lost to Mr. and Mrs. Storey... 4-6
beat Ferguson and Mrs. Waddell 6-2
beat Railton and Mrs. Hyde-Lay 6-4
T. A. Pearce and Miss Diana Dodwell (H.K.C.C.)
beat Mr. and Mrs. Storey 6-2
lost to Ferguson and Mrs. Waddell 4-6
beat Railton and Mrs. Hyde-Lay 6-1

"REVIEWER'S" SPORTS COMMENTARY

League Management Committee Awakes

GENERAL DISSATISFACTION AT THE CONTINUED INTERRUPTION OF THE LEAGUE PROGRAMME, IN ORDER TO ACCOMMODATE CHARITY AND REPRESENTATIVE GAMES, AND THE FACT THAT CLUBS ARE LEFT WITHOUT LEAGUE FIXTURES FOR SEVERAL WEEKS ON END, HAS RESULTED IN A RECOMMENDATION BY THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE TO THE H.K.F.A. COUNCIL, WHEREBY THE MAJORITY OF THE FIXTURES WILL BE PLAYED OFF BY FEBRUARY, LEAVING THE MONTHS OF MARCH AND APRIL FOR REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES AND POSTPONED LEAGUE GAMES.

It is hoped by this means to complete the entire programme by the middle of April at the latest.

The League Management Committee, however, are faced with certain obstacles before this plan can be accepted and among these are compulsory Volunteer Camps, which will take at least three week-ends, combined manoeuvres and the military camping periods. In spite of these obstacles, however, it is hoped that the Clubs will co-operate with the Association in playing off postponed matches on any available date.

I believe that the Association also have in mind a bye-law, which will make it necessary for a team robbed of a certain number of players for a representative game, to play off their fixture regardless of these absentees.

It will be most interesting to see how this recommendation is received by the Clubs and comments on the following programme, will be welcomed.

SEASON 1938-9

This provisional programme is drawn up to accommodate 10 Teams in each Division, or subdivision. This can be extended to accommodate 12 TEAMS ONLY.

SEPTEMBER

24/5. Sat./Sun. League.

OCTOBER

1/2. Sat./Sun. League.

8/9. Sat./Sun. League.

15/16. Sat./Sun. League.

23rd. Sat. League.

24th. Sun. Governor's Cup Match.

29/30. Sat./Sun. League.

NOVEMBER

5/6. Sat./Sun. League.

11th. Fri. Poppy Day Match.

12/13. Sat./Sun. League.

19/20. Sat./Sun. League.

26/27. Sat./Sun. League.

DECEMBER

3rd. Sat. League.

4th. Sun. Kotewall Cup (Army v S.C.).

10/11. Sat./Sun. Shield 1st Round.

17/18. Sat./Sun. League.

24th. Sat. League.

26/27. Mon./Tues. International Charity Cup (Sunday Herald).

31st. and 1st Jan. 39 League.

JANUARY

7/8. Sat./Sun. Shield (2nd Round).

14/15. Sat./Sun. Lai Wah Cup.

21/22. Sat./Sun. League.

28/29. Sat./Sun. League.

FEBRUARY

4/5. Sat./Sun. Shield (Semi-Finals).

11th. Sat. League.

12th. Sun. Governor's Cup.

18/19. Sat./Sun. League (Interport).

25/26. Sat./Sun. League (Interport).

MARCH

4/5. Sat./Sun. League.

11/12. Sat./Sun. Lai Wah Cup Final (League).

18/19. Sat./Sun. Shield (Final) (League).

25/26. Sat./Sun. International C.C. (Final League).

APRIL

1/2. Sat./Sun. Kotewall Cup

R.N. v S.C. (League).

8/9. Sat./Sun. Champions v The Rest.

U.S.R.C COMMENCE MRS. HOLMES SHOWS UP VERY WELL

K.C.C. "B" Pairs Fail To Blend Successfully

(By "REFEREE")

THE United Services Recreation Club, holders of the Dunlop Shield for the Mixed Doubles League, yesterday commenced their season with an easy win over Kowloon Cricket Club "B" by 8 matches to 1, leading 3-0 in the first round, 5-1 in the second and winning all three of their final round ties.

The winners paired off very well, Mrs. K. E. Holmes providing the *piece de resistance* with a fine all round display. She has improved considerably on last year's form and often surprised her male opponents by her accurate volleying at the net.

Interesting Water-Polo Encounter

SIGNALS TO MEET ST. ANDREW'S CLUB

An interesting water-polo match will take place at the European Y.M.C.A. Swimming pool next Thursday evening, at 7.30 p.m. when the Royal Corps of Signals entertain a team from the St. Andrew's Club.

The latter have only just formed their team, which on paper looks fairly good although their opponents will probably win, having defeated most of the military teams in the Colony.

The teams are as follows:

R.C. of Signals:—Lt. F. P. Rickard; J. Dignan and G. Bedford; B. Banham; A. Payne, G. Taylor and T. McCann.
Reserve:—Wilkins.
St. Andrew's:—H. Millington; F. Ashford and J. Tomlinson; R. Goldman; F. Wong, A. S. Bliss and O. Dunne.
Reserves:—F. Broadbridge and H. O'Connor.

EUROPEAN "Y" TO HOLD GALA SOCIAL IN JUNE

Water-Polo Practice Starts To-morrow

A meeting of the European Y.M.C.A. Swimming Section was held yesterday evening, when it was decided to commence water-polo practice to-morrow evening, from 6.15 p.m. onwards.

An optimistic note was struck when it was stated that there were hopes of running a team throughout the summer months providing the necessary support from members was forthcoming.

It was decided to open the swimming season with a gala-social, the idea being to invite all members to swim, participate in handicap events, and enjoy cabaret turns, the whole programme taking part in the swimming pool—truly a novelty.

FOR JUNE

It is hoped that this gala-social will be held in the first week in June and that a friendly water-

Goldman's steadiness offset Miss Tylor's weakness at the net. The latter has not made much improvement on last year's form and was at her best from the baseline when she had the better of driving duels with her opposing lady players. Goldman was in very good form, his smashes on the volley and cross-court drives being most effective.

CLIFFORD IMPRESSES

Making his first appearance in the local League, Cdr. Clifford impressed in partnership with Miss Madge Griffiths. Clifford found his best form in the first two encounters, but dropped many points at the net against Guest and Mrs. Knight. He has a very fast first service but his steadiness from the baseline and from mid-court was his best asset. He was never certain, however, of making a good job with anything overhead and, in the last set against Guest and Mrs. Knight, dropped many points with smashes and volleys which ended in the net.

MISS GRIFFITHS PLAYED HER USUAL BASELINE GAME WITH AN OCCASIONAL LOB, WHILE SHE PROVED QUITE EFFECTIVE AT THE NET ON THE FEW OCCASIONS SHE SALLIED FORTH TO INTERCEPT A DRIVE OR LOB.

GOOD PAIR

Misra and Mrs. Holmes made quite an effective pair, and with the latter at her best they made short shift of Gray and Mrs. Sweeny in their last encounter, securing the only love set of the afternoon.

Misra has a fairly good first service and invariably sliced his second. His ground strokes were steady, but his volleying was weak.

Mrs. Holmes, on yesterday's play, must rank as the U.S.R.C.'s best lady player. She displayed complete confidence with all shots and was very cool in her volleying, while overhead she was more often than not very dangerous.

BEST VISITING PAIR

Guest's steadiness and Mrs. Knight's forehand onslaughts made them the most dangerous of the visiting pairs, although Guest was not up to his usual standard and dropped many points at the net in the closing stages. Guest and his partner were seen at their best against Misra and Mrs. Holmes when, after a ding-dong struggle, they recovered well after being led

polo game will be arranged to conclude the programme.

A meeting of the Swimming Committee to discuss further details, will be held within the next few days.

WITH 8-1 VICTORY



This girl catcher gets no chance of showing off her good looks! The protective gear she wears prevents that. (Copyright, Fox).

5-4 to win 7-5.

Mrs. Knight found her backhand her weakest department and at the most could only reach the net. Her forehand was very dangerous and often scored with placements in the corners.

Clark and Miss Bradbury, paired for the first time this season, did not blend well. Clark was terribly erratic at the net and was also evidently troubled by the condition of the court, which was bumpy in parts while in other parts the ball refused to rise at all. Miss Bradbury lobbed to advantage throughout, but like Mrs. Knight her forehand was her main attacking stroke.

Gray and Mrs. Sweeny were never comfortable. Mrs. Sweeny found her best form at the baseline and

left the net to her partner, but he was never given much scope by the opposition.

Scores were:—

L. Goldman and Miss A. Taylor (U.S.R.C.):—
beat A. E. P. Guest and Mrs. Knight 6-1
beat S. A. Gray and Mrs. Sweeny 6-1
beat G. E. Clark and Miss V. Bradbury 6-1

Cdr. E. G. A. Clifford and Miss M. Griffiths (U.S.R.C.):—
beat Guest and Mrs. Knight... 6-3
beat Gray and Mrs. Sweeny... 6-1
beat Clark and Miss Bradbury... 6-1

Lt. D. C. Misra and Mrs. K. E. Holmes (U.S.R.C.):—
lost to Guest and Mrs. Knight 5-7
beat Gray and Mrs. Sweeny... 6-0
beat Clark and Miss Bradbury... 6-3



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London, To-day.
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Pasch 15 to 8.
Golden Sovereign 13 to 2 t and o.
Scottish Union 100 to 9 o.
Pound Foolish 100 to 8 o, 13 to 1 t.
Portmarnock 100 to 7 o, 15 to 1 t.
Mirza 18 to 1 t and o.
Glen Loan 20 to 1 o.
Caveman 25 o 1 o, 33 to 1 t.
Manorite 33 to 1 o.
Valerian 40 to 1 o; 50 to 1 t.
Halcyon Gift 50 to 1 o, 66 to 1 t.
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LANCS WIN EASILY

London, To-day.
At Ilford, Lancashire beat Essex by an innings and 177 runs.
Lancashire—491 for 8 dec. (Iddon 114, Oldfield 115; Peter Smith 5 for 87).
Essex — 119 (Nutter 5 for 38) and followed on 195.
—Reuter.



M.C.C. ON WAY TO DEFEAT

Wyatt's Dour Knock

The Australian cricket tourists did not add very many to their overnight score of 428 for 5 against the M.C.C. at Lords, being all dismissed for 502, far less than was at one time indicated. Don Bradman only added 21 runs to his score.

The M.C.C. were dismissed for 214, Wyatt being the highest scorer with a dour 84 not out. Fleetwood-Smith again proved the most successful Australian bowler, capturing 4 wickets for 69 runs.

Forced to follow on, M.C.C., at the close were 87 for 1.

Australians—502 (D. G. Bradman 278, A. L. Hassett 57; Smith 6 for 139).

M.C.C.—214 (R. E. S. Wyatt 84 not out; Fleetwood-Smith 4 for 69) and followed on 87 for 1.

DEFEATS MALFROY IN HALF-HOUR

MRS. KING TRIUMPHS IN WOMEN'S SINGLES

(By "A. WALLIS MYERS")

London, April 16.

NEITHER of the singles finals in the Surrey Hard Court championships at Roehampton on Saturday raised any great fervour. The warmth of the fight, as of the weather, had come earlier in the week, and both Ronald Shayes and Mrs. King had relatively easy victories.

That of Shayes was achieved after only 30 minutes' play. He defeated C. E. Malfroy 6-3, 6-2, and, save in the first few games and in the first game of the second set, when the New Zealander was getting some work on his service, had matters all his own way.

Malfroy, I imagine, was reacting after his laborious battles of the previous rounds. But he was not playing Choy on Saturday, and it was no use coming up coyly behind a pawky shot to Shayes. Taking an early ball, which he returned with a dipping flight, Shayes had him smartly passed.

The winner's forehand was as accurate as his backhand, and in the second set, with confidence oozing out, he scored freely with his fast service. I agree with Don Maskell, the Wimbledon coach, who watched this brief display, that, given a true bound-

ing court—not damp and treacherous turf—Shayes, in a little while will be very difficult to beat.

THREATENING INTERLUDE

Mrs. King had only one threatening interlude in her match against Miss Saunders. This was when, encountering the full force of her opponent's volleys, she lost her 5-3 lead in the first set. But Miss Saunders, either because she tired or because Mrs. King was indefatigable in chasing the distant ball, did not persist in this campaign.

When it came to exchanging drives from the back of the court, or in converting a losing position into a winning, the player with the consistent accuracy was not Miss Saunders. So Mrs. King, nominated to captain and help in the selection of the Wightman Cup team, triumphed in a field which included all three singles players, who represented Great Britain against America at Forest Hills last year.

EXTENDED MISS JACOBS

True that match was decided on turf and not on sand, but one cannot help recalling that in 1935 it was Mrs. King who, at Forest Hills, gave Miss Jacobs, the winner that year, her hardest fight in the American championship.

Let it be added that Mrs. King has increased the pace of her service. She "aced" Miss Saunders as she had "aced" Miss Stammers. Her second ball was never intimidating, but her double faults in the whole week were negligible. She never conceded a point by carelessness.

WALK-OVER IN FINAL

Miss Stammers and Miss James were given a walk-over in the women's doubles final. Miss Ingram was incapacitated and had to scratch. The winners of the event, however, were searchingly challenged by Miss Nuthall and Miss Harvey who carried both sets into vantage games, and who found Miss Nuthall's new lifting drives, with their fast dip, difficult to parry and Miss Harvey's lobs, hard to kill.

The mixed semi-finals were brief. Jones and Miss James, an adventurous combination, were invincible against Ritchie and Miss Scott, and Malfroy showed where his forte lay when he baited traps for Deloford and Miss O'Connell.

In a close three-set final Jones and his partner, the fresher pair, just got home. Malfroy and Ritchie had previously won the men's doubles, finished mercilessly with two love sets.



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1036 Clubs In National Golf Tournament

GREAT ENTHUSIASM OF H'CAP PLAYERS

Progress Has So Far Been Phenomenal

(By "WALTER MAXWELL-LYTE")

London, April 19.

MORE than a thousand golf clubs in England and Wales have entered for the National Tournament promoted by "The Daily Telegraph" and "Morning Post" for amateur players with handicaps of six and over.

THIS TOURNAMENT—THE ONLY ONE ORGANISED ON A NATIONAL SCALE FOR HANDICAP PLAYERS — IS HELD UNDER CONDITIONS OF PLAY APPROVED BY THE ENGLISH GOLF UNION AND THE WELSH GOLFING UNION. IT IS DECIDED BY STROKE-PLAY ON HANDICAP, AND IS PLAYED IN THREE STAGES. THE FIRST ONE IS A QUALIFYING ROUND OF 18 HOLES, WHICH TAKES PLACE AT THE PLAYERS "HOME" CLUB ON A DATE FIXED BY THE CLUB COMMITTEE. COMPETITORS ARE DIVIDED INTO TWO HANDICAP GROUPS—"SENIORS" (HANDICAPS 6 TO 12) AND "JUNIORS" (HANDICAPS 13 AND OVER).

The maximum handicap permitted in the Qualifying Round is 18, but players with higher handicaps may complete on 18. As a result of the Qualifying Rounds, two players, a Senior and a Junior, are selected to represent the club in a local District Final of 36 holes. There will be 36 District Finals in England and Wales, the winners of each division will compete in the Final at Wentworth Club, Virginia Water, on Saturday, Aug. 6.

Much has been done to encourage the competition spirit among handicap players by the presentation of club challenge cups and the holding of "open" meetings, but it is recognised that the winning of such trophies is a purely local affair. This national competition provides golfers who are definitely outside the Amateur Championship class with an opportunity of making a name for themselves in the game.

PROGRESS MADE

The progress of this annual tournament, which was first started by the "Morning Post" in 1931, has been phenomenal, and if the number of competitors is taken as the basis, it must easily be the largest sporting competition in the world—not even excluding the Olympic Games. The following figures speak for themselves:

Year.	Clubs entered.	Membership.
1931	220	59,400
1932	284	76,680
1933	325	77,750
1934	510	137,700
1935	605	163,350
1936	630	170,100
1937	614	165,780
1938	1,036	279,720

These figures are more remarkable when it is taken into consideration that there are less than 1,200 golf clubs affiliated to the English and Welsh Golf Unions, and that some of them are unable to compete owing to the courses being under reconstruction.

NOT EASY TO WIN

No one would pretend that this is an easy competition to win. It has been calculated that more than four and a half million strokes will be played by upwards of 50,000 competitors before the Challenge Trophy is handed to the winner on Aug. 6. This is, indeed, a prize worth fighting for! More important, however, than the winning of any prize are the countless opportuni-

ties which this tournament provides of playing golf on new courses under the pleasantest possible conditions and making new golfing friendships.

Players compete throughout the tournament on their current handicaps. This system was first introduced in 1935, and its fairness is now universally recognised. Many young players are able to reduce their handicaps by six or more strokes in the course of the season, and any other system of handicapping would be unfair to the older competitors.

IT HAS ITS VALUE

The value of this competition in helping to standardise handicapping and correcting handicapping anomalies is recognised by handicapping committees throughout the country. In no other competition is it possible for the pick of the handicap players in the Midlands to test their skill against players in the South, or for Durham and Northumberland golfers to compete on equal terms with players from Devon and Cornwall. North, South, East, West, Wales and the Midlands—all will be represented in the great finale on Aug. 6, when the 72 fortunate survivors of this Homeric contest will compete over the East and West courses of the famous Wentworth Club. What a contest it will be!

This is an appropriate moment to pay tribute to the sportsmanship of the hundreds of committees throughout the country which are giving special facilities to their members to take part in their sporting contest, and to the kindness of the hundreds of club secretaries without whose co-operation it would be impossible to carry through a tournament of this magnitude.

962 Ladies' Clubs have entered for the national tournament which is being organised by the "Daily Telegraph and Morning Post," for women players.



Baseball is certainly a game for action. Although immensely popular in America it is taking a long time to gain favour in Britain. There is a girls' team, however, at Wealdstone, which has been in existence for a number of years and, thanks to Mr. Lynch, former American baseball player, they are quite expert at the game. Our photograph shows Miss M. Roots, who knows how to wield a bat and who looks like scoring some smashing hits if this picture is any criterion. (Copyright, Fox).

DISSATISFACTION AT BASEBALL MEETING

Fixtures Not Strictly Adhered To

SHORTAGE OF BALLS

A meeting of the Committee, of the Hong Kong Baseball League, was held at the Brook Club last night to discuss a number of points which had arisen during the past three weeks.

General dissatisfaction was expressed at the changes in the fixtures, not so much as the effect on the club concerned, but at the short notice given, in many cases resulting in a misunderstanding and much inconvenience.

This week's fixtures were mutually agreed upon, and the Schedule Committee will meet again shortly to draw up the remainder of the season's fixtures, which, it is hoped, will be strictly adhered to.

It was also decided that all games on Saturdays were to start at 2.15 p.m., and the first game on Sunday, at 9 a.m.

The scarcity of balls in the Co-

THREE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE TO H.K.F.A. COUNCIL

"Sunday Herald" Gate Shows Increase

Recommendations by the Management Committee of the H.K.F.A., that all League games be played during the early part of next season, that the Shield Competitions be held over till later in the season, and that all representatives games be played after January when the League programme would be well advanced, were made at the meeting of the Council, held last night.

The Hon. Secretary read the report of the Macao Interport Subcommittee, and it was the opinion of the meeting that the Interport, in spite of Hong Kong's defeat, was a success and that great interest had been taken in the game. It was recorded that if the game had been played earlier in the season the benefits would have been greater.

Suggested alterations to the rules of the Association and League were held over for the consideration of the Management Committee.

It was also announced that the nett proceeds of the "Sunday Herald" International Charity Cup Competition amounted to \$4,950, an increase of nearly \$1,500 on last year's figure.

The chairman then read out a number of items which were approved but there was some discussion regarding the proposed item of \$400 for war relief.

Mr. W. L. Alexander, the treasurer, said that nobody was more in sympathy with war relief than himself but he did feel that war relief could not be included in the list as the "Sunday Herald" Fund was purely for local charities.

After some discussion, Mr. W. E. Hollands proposed that the amount be referred back to the Sub-Committee for reconsideration.

lonny was brought up, and one member undertook to obtain quotations from Manila for a serviceable quality ball and asked Clubs to place their orders through him.

The following is the programme for the week-end:—

SATURDAY	
Volunteers	v Indians
SUNDAY	
U.S.S. Mindanao	v H.K. Baseball Club
Recreio	v C. Baseball Club

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G.M.T.

5.00 a.m.—Big Ben. 'Escape' (First-hand Accounts by Prisoners-of-War)—3: 'Through the Camp Sewer.' A talk by Ernest Pearce.
5.30 a.m.—'Palace of Varieties.'
6.30 a.m.—'Empire Exchange.' Points of view by travellers from the Dominions and the Colonies.
6.50 a.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 7.00 a.m.
7.15 a.m.—Close Down.

TRANSMISSION 2

Frequencies—
GSG 21.53 Mc/s (13.93 m.)
GSH 21.47 Mc/s (13.97 m.)
GSG 17.79 Mc/s (16.86 m.)
GSO 15.18 Mc/s (19.76 m.)

10.45 a.m.—Big Ben. Jack Wilson and his Versatile Five.
11.15 a.m.—'Made in Great Britain.' A feature programme.
11.45 a.m.—'Swift Serenade.' The Swift Serenade Concert Orchestra.
12.15 p.m.—Cricket: M.C.C. v. The Australians. A commentary during the third day's play, by P. G. H. Fender. From Lord's Cricket Ground, London.
12.30 p.m.—The Manchester Tuesday Midday Society's Concert, from the Houldsworth Hall, Manchester.
1.00 p.m.—Non-Stop Variety of Song, Comedy, and Drama.
1.30 p.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 1.45 p.m.
1.57 p.m.—Close Down.

TRANSMISSION 3

Frequencies—
GSH 21.47 Mc/s (13.97 m.)
GSG 17.79 Mc/s (16.86 m.)
GSF 15.14 Mc/s (19.82 m.)

1.57 p.m.—Opening Announcements.
2.00 p.m.—Big Ben. The Torquay Municipal Orchestra.
3.00 p.m.—Bird-song. Broadcast from Forestry Commission land near Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk.
3.15 p.m.—'Rhythm Express.' Benny Frankel and his Orchestra.
4.00 p.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signals at 4.15 p.m.
4.20 p.m.—'Waltzing Matilda' — 6: 'Some Reflections on Travel in the British Empire.'
4.35 p.m.—Orchestral Music.
4.45 p.m.—Cricket: M.C.C. v. The Australians. A commentary during the third day's play, by P. G. H. Fender. From Lord's Cricket Ground, London.
5.00 p.m.—Close Down.

12-12.20 p.m.—Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.
12.30 p.m.—Songs by Derek Oldham (Tenor).
Come Sing To Me (Thompson).
The Sunshine Of Your Smile (Cooke—Ray).
Waltz Song (J. Herbert, O. Strauss).
12.40 p.m.—Gilbert and Sullivan Selections.
"The Gondoliers"
(a) Bridegroom And Bride! Chorus.
(b) When A Merry Maiden Marries. Aileen Davies and Chorus.
(a) With Ducal Pomp... Henry A. Lytton, Bertha Lewis & Chorus.
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My Lords, It May Not Be.
W. Lawson, D. Oldham, D. Fancourt, L. Rands, G. Baker & Male Chorus.
If You Go In, You're Sure To Win.
Derek Oldham, Darrell Fancourt & George Baker.
If We're Weak Enough To Tarry.
Winifred Lawson & Leslie Rands.
1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Light Variety.
1.15 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.25 p.m.—Variety.
1.40 p.m.—Rotary Tiffin Speech relayed from The Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel. Speaker: Dr. Kiang Kang-hu. Subject: "Chinese Language and Writing".
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
6 p.m.—Dance Music.
6.45 p.m.—Vivian Ellis at the Piano.
A Little White Room ("Floodlight"—Beverley Nichols).
"Floodlight"—Piano Medley.
"On The Avenue"—Piano Medley (Berlin).
6.55 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
7 p.m.—A Variety Programme including Clapham & Dwyer, The Hill Billies & Gracie Fields.
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My Lucky Day (From 'This week of Grace').
Mary Rose (From 'This week of Grace')...Gracie Fields with Orch.
The Hilly Billy Band.
Susanna From Alabama....The Hill Billies with Novelty Accompaniment.
Waltz Selection....Reginald Dixon (the famous Blackpool Organist).
8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Benno Moisevitich (Piano).
Isoldens Liebestod (Liszt).
Grillen (Schumann).
Polonaise In B Flat Major, Op. 71, No. 2 (Chopin).
8.15 p.m.—London Relay—'Cricket'—M.C.C. v. The Australians. A commentary during the third day's play by P. G. H. Fender from Lord's Cricket Ground, London.
8.30 p.m.—Studio—A Recital by Gallant Sun (Soprano) accompanied by Lindsay A. Lafford (Piano).
1. Wanderer (Schubert).
2. On The Lake (Brahms).
3. Eternal Love (Brahms).
4. The Sunshine Of Your Smile (Lillian Ray).
8.46 p.m.—Orchestral.
The Wreckers—Overture (Dame Ethel Smyth).....Dame Ethel Smyth conducting The British Symphony Orchestra.
Bavarian Dance, Op. 27, No. 1 (Elgar).....London Symphony Orchestra cond. by Sir Edward Elgar, O.M.
9 p.m.—London Relay—'Non-Stop Variety'. Of Song, Comedy and Drama—The Three Herons; The Van Boys; Helen Mackay; 'Just Fancy That' (A Sketch); Clifford Stanton, Comper and comedian. Van Stratten And His Orchestra. Production by F. H. C. Piffard.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.50 p.m.—Beethoven—Kreutzer Sonata In A Major, Op. 47. Played by Albert Sammons (Violin) and William Murdoch (Piano).
10.25 p.m.—Songs by Georges Thill (Tenor).
Cantata No. 65 (Bach).
Cantata No. 85 (Bach).
Nuit D'Espagne (From "Scenes Pittoresques")—(Massenet).
10.36 p.m.—Orchestre Raymonde.
Gounod In Vienna (Arr. G. Walter).
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Taming The Tiger (La Rocca).
Stephanie Gavotte (Czibulka—arr. Altendorf).
Berceuse (Jarnetfelt).
Electric Girl (Helmbergh—Holmes).
A Night On The Waves—Finnish Waltz (Koskimaa).
11 p.m.—Close down.

BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

Informatory Double

Mr. Culbertson is conducting, through this column, an examination of bridge players. Rate yourself by subtracting from 100 the points for each wrong answer.

Yesterday's questions were:

Question 41: Both sides vulnerable. You are South. The bidding has proceeded:

West	North	East	South
1 spade	Pass	2 diamonds	?
You, South, hold:			
S.—6 4 3, H.—7, D.—K J 10			
9 8 6, C.—Q J 9.			

What call do you make?

Answer: You should pass. A double would not be conventionally for penalties. It would be a conventional takeout (informatory) double. Obviously you dare not invite your partner to bid. Hence, despite your strength against the two diamond bid, you must, at least temporarily, hold your peace. (Two points demerit for any call other than pass.)

Question 42: Both sides vulnerable. You are South. The bidding has proceeded:

West	North	East	South
1 spade	Double	3 spades	?
You, South, hold:			
S.—Q J 2, H.—3 2, D.—7 4 2,			
C.—A K Q J 4.			

What call do you make?

Answer: You should bid three no trump. You have a stopper in the adversely bid suit and a solid five card suit of your own. Your distribution is such that you cannot be sure of making five clubs. Hence there is no reason to bid four clubs, thus going past the three no trump level. (Two points demerit for passing; one point demerit for doubling or bidding four or more clubs).

TODAY'S QUESTION

Question 43: You are West, declarer at a three no trump contract, in rubber bridge. Your hand and dummy are as follows:

WEST	EAST (dummy)
S.—J 8 4	S.—A 5 3
H.—K Q 6 2	H.—A
D.—A K 4	D.—J 10 9 7 2
C.—A 10 5	C.—7 6 3 2

North opened the heart jack. You must win with dummy's singleton ace. What card do you then lead from dummy, and what card do you play from your own hand?

TODAY'S HAND

Match point duplicate.

South, dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

S.—Q 6 4
H.—9 2
D.—Q J 10 3 2
C.—K J 10

WEST

S.—9 2
H.—8 7 5 4 3
D.—K 6 4
C.—8 6 5

EAST

S.—A J 10 8 3
H.—K J 10
D.—9 7
C.—7 4 2

SOUTH

S.—K 7 5
H.—A Q 6
D.—A 8 5
C.—A Q 9 3

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 club	Pass	1 diamond	1 spade
2 no trump	Pass	3 no trump	Pass
Pass			

The South player, who deliberately chose to open the bidding with one club, "fixed himself" badly by that strange choice. Obviously, one no trump was the perfect opening bid.

The opening lead of the spade nine was ducked all around. Now, on the spade deuce continuation, East shrewdly read that if he again ducked he probably would lose his ace and, at match point duplicate, one trick more or less would mean a big difference. The spade ace winning, the heart jack was returned. Declarer finessed successfully, entered dummy with a club, and finessed diamonds. West having the king, the hand then was spread for four odd.

Declarer could have recovered his bidding error by a super play at the very first trick. That was to put up dummy's spade queen! East would have been helpless. To win with the ace would mean that he never could regain the lead. To permit the queen to hold would concede declarer a second spade stopper.

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By Order of the Stewards,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 14th May, 1938.

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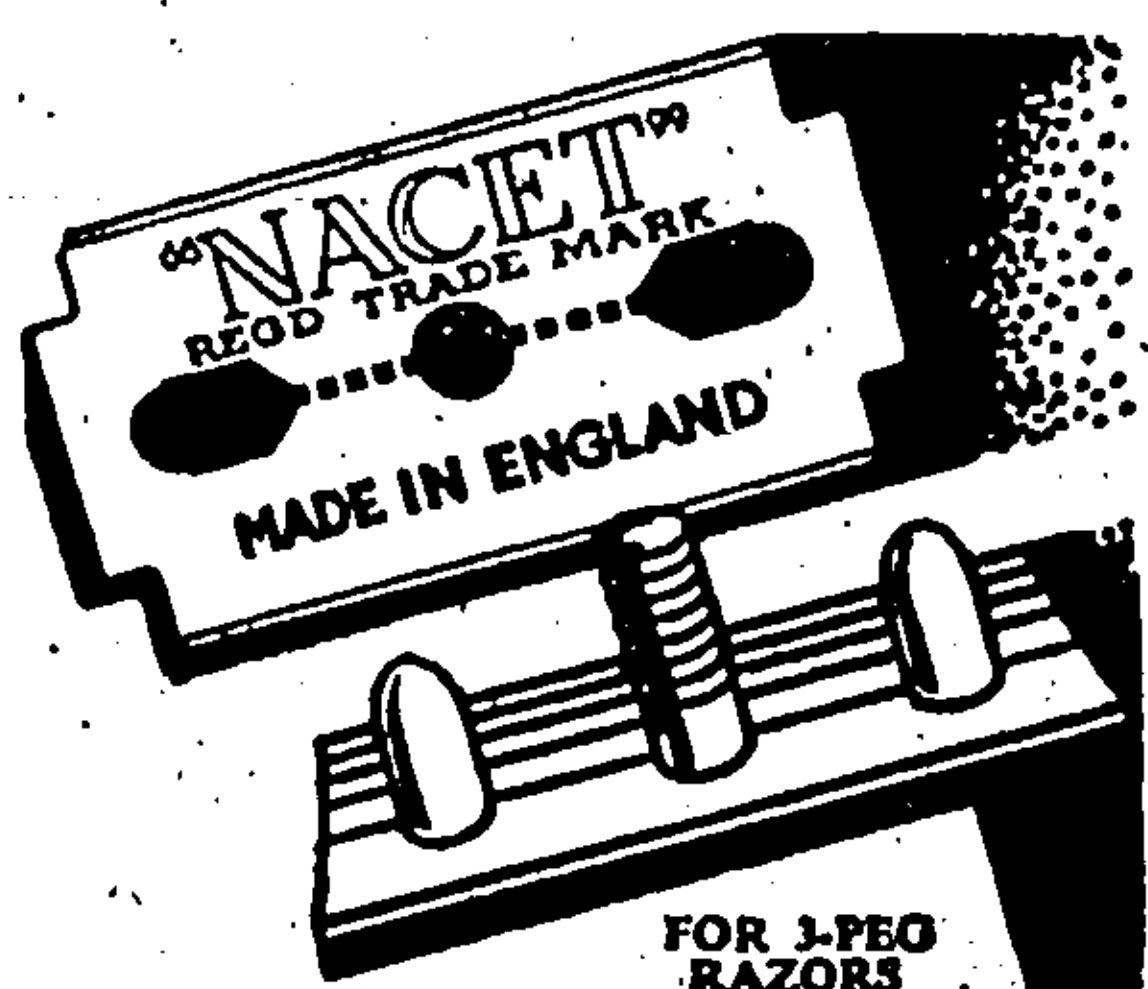
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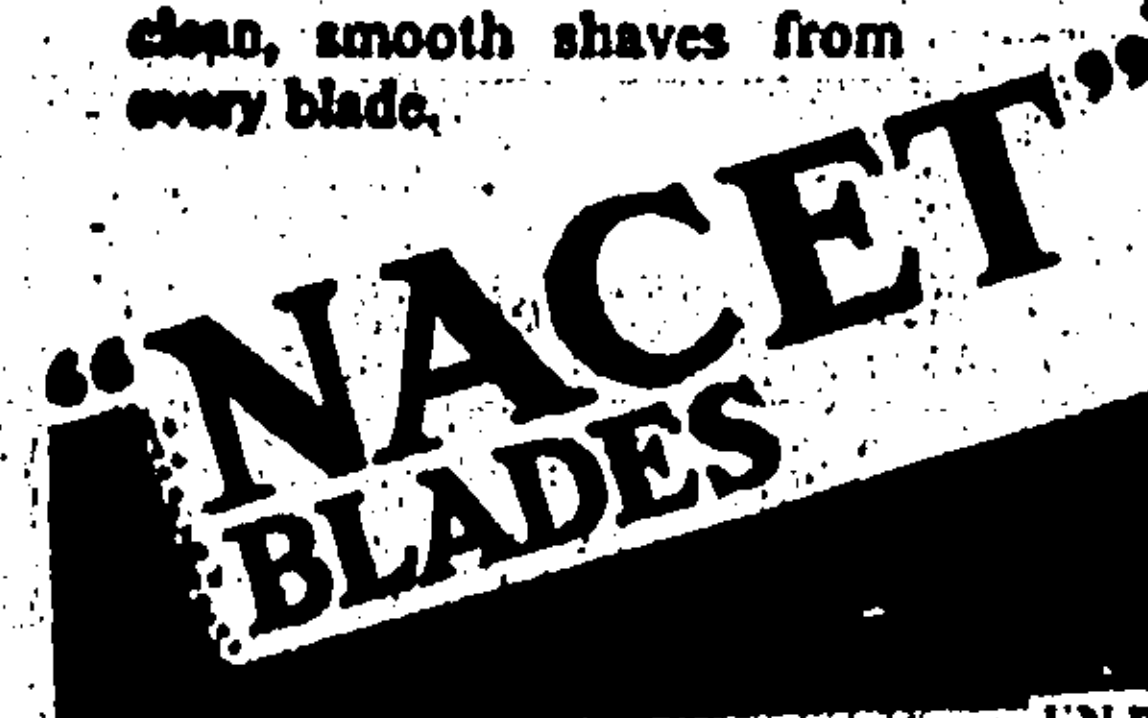
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HANKOW, TO-DAY.
THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT IS NOT PESSIMISTIC CONCERNING THE TURN OF EVENTS IN THE HSUCHOW-FU REGION, DECLARED THE OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN TO REUTER.

The spokesman gave the following reasons for his observation: Firstly, time is in China's favour. She has carried on the war for ten months and is able to continue to do so.

Secondly, the Chinese are gradually wearing down the Japanese by inflicting heavy losses on all fronts.

Thirdly, the Japanese hoped the war would have terminated after the fall of Nanking, but China's strength and resistance had increased.

"Likewise, the Japanese expect the fall of Hsuehchowfu to crush Chinese resistance, but we are confident that China's strength and resistance has increased."

SHANSI MORAL

Fourthly, the vastness of Chinese territory is in her favour. By attempting to gain Hsuehchowfu, the Japanese have lost Shansi.

Fifthly, we are confident we can hold Hsuehchowfu.

The Shansi campaign has proved that occupation of a railway and even of principal cities cannot determine the outcome of the campaign.

Sixthly, even if we lose Hsuehchowfu, China must and will carry on. Our country is being invaded and

PRESS APPROVE CABINET CHANGES

LONDON, TO-DAY.
THE CHANGES IN THE GOVERNMENT ARE COMMENTED UPON IN THE PRESS ON PARTY LINES.

The new appointments are welcomed by the Conservative newspapers, which particularly approve the Air Ministry appointments.

The papers pay tribute to Sir Kingsley Wood's energy and organising ability, and point out that Capt. Harold Balfour, the new Under-Secretary, is a practical airman.

On the other hand, the Liberal "News Chronicle" and the Labour "Daily Herald" agree with the reported criticism by Mr. C. R. Attlee, Labour opposition leader, of the changes.

"It is not much use when re-shuffling the cards when it is really a new pack you want."

The "Daily Herald" adds that the re-shuffling must not be made an excuse for shelving real investigation of the air situation.

Meanwhile, following the changes, Mr. Winston Churchill has withdrawn his motion for an enquiry into the state of air defence, and a hundred Government supporters have put down a motion assuring the Government of whole-hearted support of their efforts to bring air defence to the highest pitch of efficiency, and deprecating the suggestion of an enquiry as calculated to hamper the speed and success of the air programme.—Reuter.

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